Israel Sees Wide Plot in Rabin Assassination



The police taking Ohad Skornik, center, into court Thursday in Tel Aviv.

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — Five days after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, the police said Thursday that they had arrested two more people for the killing and that they believed the murder was a conspiracy organized by a group of Israelis fired to extremism by Mr. Rabin's determination to trade biblical land for peace.

The police suspicions directly contradict the assertions of the confessed assassin, Yigal Amir, a 25-year-old law

student, that he acted alone.

The police also said they uncovered a large cache of weapons that included enough grenades, detonators, explosives and fuses "to make any terror group proud." The weapons were hidden, they said, underneath a yard that served as part of a nursery school run by Mr. Amir's mother at their hotel in Herzliya, north of Tel Aviv.

The arrests of the two new suspects both apparently young associates of Mr. said that "without the infrastructure sup-Amir's — brought to five the number of plied to him by other persons, it would have people detained since Mr. Rabin was shot to death minutes after he addressed a huge prime minister. He said the conspirators peace rally in Tel Aviv on Saturday night. The two men are Dror Adani, 26, whom

the police said they suspected of com-plicity in the conspiracy, and Ohad Skomik, 23, a fellow law student with Mr. Amir at the Bar-Ilan religious university. He was suspected of failing to prevent a crime by reporting what he knew of the

alleged plot to the police.

Mr. Amir's brother, Hagai, was arrested soon after the killing and Avishai Raviv, the leader of the far-right group Eyal was arrested Wednesday.

"We believe that there was a con-spiracy between a group of persons that had the infrastructure to prepare their aims quite cautiously," said Eric Bar-Chen, a police spokesman.

The group had "some sort of orga-nizational structure," he said, and could turn out to be quite separate from previously known organizations, such as the shadowy Eyal group that Mr. Raviv leads. "It doesn't mean we are talking about an Eyal-organized crime," Mr. Bar-Chen

The minister of police, Moshe Shahal,

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Lubbers Is in Doubt For NATO as U.S. Signals Objections

Allies, Split on Top Candidate, May Have to Start Search Over

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS - U.S. objections have thrown nto serious doubt the appointment of Ruud Lubbers, the former Dutch prime minister, as NATO's secretary-general and sparked semipublic recriminations between Washington and European capitals about who bungled the normally smooth process of nominating a new civilian head for the

Diplomats at NATO headquarters said Thursday that the alliance may have to start over in its search for a candidate because the Clinton administration has, in effect, called into question Mr. Lubbers's qualifications for the post.

"He seems to have made a poor impression in Washington because he did not seem really up to speed on the politics involving NATO, particularly the mission in Bosnia," according to an alliance official. Diplomats from several European countries that have publicly backed Mr. Lubbers said that they had been given similar reports by U.S. officials.

"Either he was poorly briefed before he went or else he has lost his edge after being in academic life for a couple of years," another diplomat said.

A decision about the successor to Willy Claes, who was forced to resign as secretary-general last month, had been expected at a meeting Friday of NATO ambassadors, who were anxious to fill the post quickly because of the looming deadlines of the peacekeeping mission to Bosnia.

But officials said that they had no in-

dication that Washington was preparing to relent. The White House press secretary, Michael McCurry, said Thursday that al-though Mr. Lubbers had been in Washington to talk to high-ranking officials, there was "no consensus" among the 16 members of the Western alliance on his candidacy.

The other formal candidate, former For-eign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen of Denmark, is favored by the Pentagon but stands scant chance of prevailing.

France has said that it will Ellemann-Jensen because of the Danish reservations about German reunification government's public protests about French nuclear tests. Other European governments are reluctant to see the job go to someone from a country that does not belong to the Western European Union, the defense wing of the European Union.

The United States has reproached its allies for publicly indicating that Mr. Lubbers had the job, while the Europeans are angrily accusing the Clinton administra-tion of high-handed behavior liable to un-dermine the next secretary-general.

"The Clinton administration kept Claes in the job long after he should decently have gone because Washington liked having a NATO head beholden to Washington. and now the Americans look like they're insisting on having a new man of their own," a European source said.

Despite the diplomatic embarrassment, other European officials acknowledged the importance for the Clinton administration of having a NATO leader who could help inspire confidence in Washington about sending U.S. troops into Bosnia. Even though it is a peacekeeping mission, Congress has major doubts about the risks of J.S. involvement.

In the past, Washington has been content to work behind the scenes as a consensus formed behind a candidate - always at European — but this time the publicity about the process appeared to embarrass the State Department, which feared that it would be accused by the Pentagon and Congress of letting Europeans dictate the choice.

Apparently underestimating the Clinton administration's domestic concerns, France and Britain moved quickly to set a successor to Mr. Claes, initially envisaging Douglas Hurd, the former British foreign secretary.

That would have been a unanimous choice, but Mr. Hurd was reluctant to return to public service, and his departure would mean a by-election liable to weaken the governing Conservative Party's thin

President Jacques Chirac of France was determined to block the chances of Mr. Ellemann- Jensen. On trips to London and then Bonn, he obtained public pledges of support for Mr. Lubbers from Prime Minister John Major, and then from Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

A year ago, Mr. Kohl upset other EU leaders by vetoing the choice of Mr. Lubbers to head the European Commission. Bonn objected to Mr. Lubbers's public and judged that he had performed unsteadily during the Dutch presidency of the European Union at the time of the Maastricht treaty. This time, Mr. Kohl set aside his misgivings to accommodate France and the Netherlands.

Old Enemies Confront The Legacy Of Tonkin

HANOI - In a remarkable meeting of two old adversaries, General Vo Nguyen Giap told Robert S. McNamara, the former U.S. defense secretary, on Thursday that an attack on a U.S. destroyer in the Gulf of Tonkin — an incident that led to the first American bombing of the Vietnam War -never occurred.

Mr. McNamara, on his first visit to Vietnam since the war, raised the question about the Tonkin Gulf incident during the one-hour meeting with his former foe.
"To this day," Mr. McNamara said, "I

don't know what happened on Aug. 2 and Aug. 4, 1964, in the Tonkin Gulf." On Aug. 4, General Giap said, "There was absolutely nothing."

The incident was a critical milestone in the war. President Lyndon Johnson ordered retaliatory air strikes. And three days later. the U.S. Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which the Johnson and Nixon administrations both used as the authority to escalate the war.

The first attack on Aug. 2 did in fact occur, said General Giap, confirming most historical accounts.

He added that a "local coast guard unit launched the attack" on the U.S. destroyer, the Maddox, which he said had entered North Vietnam's territorial waters. He did not elaborate whether he himself or other higher authorities had ordered the attack or whether the local unit was acting on its

The second alleged attack, on Aug. 4, has continued to puzzle war historians. On Aug. 4, in stormy weather, the Maddox reported it was under attack again. But the reliability of that report has always been questioned. Mr. McNamara, for his part, has said that second attack was "probable but not certain.

determined I was going to put the question to Giap today." After hearing the general's response. Mr. McNamara said he is now 99 and ninety-nine hundredths percent sure it didn't occur.

"Giap is a pretty damned good source." he said.

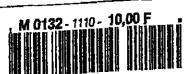
The exchange between the two war strategists highlighted Mr. McNamara's visit with a Council on Foreign Relations delegation. The council has proposed sponsoring a conference to investigate the "missed opportunities" of the war that could have ended the conflict sooner - or avoided it altogether.

'it's an extraordinary thing," Mr. Mc-Namara said in an interview, describing his visit. One of the "interesting points" he said was the lack of hostility and the willingness to meet and discuss what was in a very real sense a tragedy for both nations." Both he and General Giap, he added, want to explore the misunderstandings that

exacerbated the conflict. The contrast between the two Vietnam

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General Giap leaving the meeting Thursday with Mr. McNamara, who noted the "lack of hostility" in their talks.

For Clinton and Dole et al, A Major Threat Is Sidelined

By R.W. Apple Jr.
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — It was a great day for Bill Clinton and a very good day for Bob Dole, but of course, that was not what was on Colin L. Powell's mind as he made he yielded. his momentous decision not to seek elective office this year.

"During the book tour," a friend said, "he would get turned on by the crowds, but On Thursday, Mr. McNamara said then he would come home and say, 'It's just 'This was such a red hot issue, I was not me.' Again and again. He tried, tried, tried to feel the passion, but he didn't." Last weekend, with the general already leaning strongly against running, the as

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sassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel helped solidify the decision, the friend said, "especially for Alma" although both Powells denied it. But General Powell's wife, Alma, and his three children all eventually voted "no."

out the possibility of running for president four years hence. Several associates said they thought a campaign in the year 2000 was possible if not probable.

General Powell was careful not to rule

"The future is the future," the general told reporters. General Powell may well come under intense pressure to accept the vice-pres-

idential nomination next fall, despite his

disclaimers on Wednesday. If he changed his mind under such pressure, he would not be the first to do so. No one ever made more fervent disclaimers than Lyndon B. Johnson, but when John F. Kennedy turned to him in Los Angeles in the summer of 1960,

Jack F. Kemp, the housing secretary in the Bush administration, spoke for many in political Washington when he said that General Powell's decision had left him "more than a little disappointed and leaves America and the GOP more than a little

diminished. General Powell, now an officially announced Republican, promised to work actively in the Republican Party and to seek to broaden its appeal, and it is hard to imagine that he will not be asked to deliver a keynote address or the equivalent at the party's convention in San Diego next summer. That would help to send a more inclusive message than the Republicans sent

from Houston in 1992. Mr. Clinton's aides spent much of the day insisting that General Powell's decision was of no great moment to them or their boss. But of course it mattered. To say otherwise was merely to observe one of the conventions of politics: Never suggest that you are afraid of a rival.

Now Mr. Clinton faces a race against either Mr. Dole, whom he consistently

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The peso slid to a record low on Thursday but more than regained its lost ground by the end of the session as foreign investors poured into the market to hunt for bargains.

The dollar settled back to close at 7.55 pesos at the end of a roller-coaster session in which it surged as high as a record 8.30 pesos. It had closed on Wednesday at 7.75 pesos.

The major Mexican stock exchange index rose by 3.43 percent. (Page 13)

Serbia Embargo to Be Partly Lifted

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The economic embargo against Serbia will be partly lifted to allow natural gas supplies from Russia following an agreement at the Bosnia peace talks in Dayton, Ohio, the State Department spokesman said Thursday.

The spokesman, Nicholas Burns, said the presidents of Bosnia and Serbia, who are taking part in the talks, requested the supply of domestic gas be timed on "as

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committee that oversees the sanctions would meet later Thursday to consider the issue. UN-imposed restrictions on air traffic and sporting contacts were lifted

He said the gas embargo would be provisionally lifted for two months. Related articles, Page 7

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Thai King's a Figurehead, but One With New Teeth

By Philip Shenon

BANGKOK - His title is as long as it is exalted: Great King of Siam, the Chief Protector, Great Strength of the Land, Incomparable Power, the Most Renowned of the

Mahidol Family and Refuge of the People.

But as King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand has reminded his devoted subjects, he is also a citizen of this troubled Asian land - one with a right to speak his mind

when something is wrong.
Increasingly, the king, 67, who is the world's longestserving living monarch and who is about to lead the nation in celebration of his 50th year on the throne, is doing just

The king has a right to make political remarks," he such is his influence among his subjects that Mr. Banham

said in justifying a rare royal intervention into politics is widely reported to have panicked when he heard about several weeks ago. "He is a Thai citizen and has his rights and freedoms under the constitution. Each of you is under the constitution. Each of you is under the constitution. the constitution, and so is the king. I am using my freedom under the constitution.

Then he let the politicians have it. At a gathering of ambassadors, he reprimanded the civilian government of Prime Minister Banham Silpa-archa, suggesting that it was failing to deal with a traffic crisis that is threatening to halt transport around Bangkok, the capital, and has smothered the city beneath a perpenial rust-colored haze.

The politicians, he said, "keep talking, talking, talking, and they keep opposing each other." Jaws dropped as the king spoke, so rare is that sort of criticism from the traditionally reticent monarch. And

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Although King Bhumibol is a constitutional monarch with few clearly defined powers, he is without doubt the most beloved figure in Thailand, treated with god-like reverence by most of his 58 million subjects.

"He is the unifying force of the Thai society," said Suchit Bunbongkarn, a prominent political scientist. "He "He is the unifying force of the Thai society," is the one who is a check on the system. He can tell us whether we are going in the right direction or the wrong direction. He is the standard of morality, of righteous-

The king spends most of his time overseeing hundreds See KING, Page 6

China Amasses \$70 Billion in Foreign Money

By Steven Mufson Washington Post Service

BELIING — Bolstered by surging exports, China's foreign exchange reserves have climbed to \$70 billion, according 153 government figures, and now trail close behind the foreign exchange reserves of Germany and the United States.

Over the past year, China's reserves have doubled and have jumped from 11th place to a virtual tie for fifth in the world, according to figures from the International Monetary Fund. China's reserves now surpass the reserves of Britain, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands and Hong Kong. Only Japan and Taiwan, ranked first and second in reserve

holdings, boast substantially larger foreign exchange reserves. The growth in China's foreign exchange reserves reflects the country's rising economic power, the high rate of foreign investment and China's rapidly expanding

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In the first eight months of this year, China's exports topped \$94 billion; they are likely to reach \$150 billion by the end of the year, according to investment bank

economists in Hong Kong. Government figures put economic growth this year at just over 10 percent, the average rate of growth since 1979. The country is attracting more than half of the foreign capital investment made in the en-

tire developing world. But at the same time, the rise in China's foreign exchange reserves reflects the Communist government's conservative approach to finance and government anxieties about potential potholes in China's road to economic modernization. Government economists say that, despite pressing development needs, China has chosen to keep large foreign exchange reserves because of worries about its nearly \$100 billion worth of foreign debt, potential increases in grain and oil imports, currency stability and the transition in Hong Kong in 1997.

But one economist said, "Ultimately it doesn't do any good to have \$70 billion sitting in the bank. It doesn't do any good. You should have enough to make people feel secure and the rest should be doing something productive."

A Maverick Wades Into Ex-Yugoslavia's Miasma For Equal Disdain

By Nora Boustany Vashington Post Service

ASHINGTON -- It was cold and the snow was taller than Elisabeth Rehn when the 8-year-old stood stiffly to honor young men who had come back in coffins to her village of Mantsala on the Finnish shore. When her father would return home on furlough from the war, she could not hold back her tears. She couldn't understand then why she cried when she wanted to be happy.

Mrs. Rehn, who went on to become Finland's defense minister, a member of the European Parliament and now a human rights investigator for the United Nations in the former Yugoslavia, has never forgotten how

fast her heart was beating.

"Just the feeling that something is not as it should be" is how she describes it. Anchored in her conscience is a resolve that "it is very important that one should do something for those who are suffering.'

Mrs. Rehn, 60, recently spent a week in Bosnia-Herzegovina, which is ravaged by the worst fighting and arrocities in Europe since World War II. She kicked a ball with children who smile with sad eyes, children who have had to give up their kindergartens and soccer fields to play in graveyards.

And she listened to tales of suffering. A paralyzed woman in her 70s, who had been left behind in Krajina, Croana, because she could not flee, showed Mrs. Rehn a bullet hole in her window. Two Croatian soldiers came shouting, "Do you have guns? Open the door, where is your son?" she told Mrs. Rehn. They shot when she failed to get up, then they stormed in and dragged her across the floor. The woman took Mrs. Rehn's face in her frail hands and whispered that Mrs. Rehn would make a difference with her reports to the

Along the road, a 75-year-old man told of how he was forced to run naked at gunpoint for 4½ miles (7 kilometers) with his hands bound behind his back.

"I got angry and I felt ashamed. I was ashamed because I was European." Mrs. Rehn said. "The children will survive, of course, but after a long life, these old people did everything right and now they see this happening to them." Mrs. Rehn looks outside the window of the limousine taking her to Airlie, Virginia, where she began a U.S. speaking tour last week.

She will file her first report on Nov. 24 to the UN General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights; nine people are helping her compile the information.

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Yugoslavia, even those who refused to receive her predecessor, that she had no friends and no enemies and no favorites. "It is up to them, of course," she said. "If they want to commit crimes against humanity, then I have to report

When the UN Commission on Human Rights told her she had been selected for the job, Mrs. Rehn felt weak in the knees. Before she responded, she thought about her lifelong commitments, her ideals. "You know, if you have been talking about human rights, the dignity of men and women and the rights of the child, "she said, "and you refuse the real possibility to do something about it because it is too difficult, you are not at all credible. So I said O.K. Of course, I can't be sure that writing reports, trying to explain and tell will be enough. But I am very much of a terrier and I plan to bother the peace negotiators," she

While Bosnian, Serbian and Croatian leaders meet in Dayton, Ohio, to settle the disputed territories, she will push for the protection of human rights as a condition for settlement at the negotiating table. She has spoken with the European negotiator Carl Bildt and is planning to contact Assistant Secretary of State Richard C. Holbrooke, the chief U.S. negotiator.

In between the speaking engagements, meetings at the United Nations in New York and her report deadline, she will return to Brussels to resume her duties as a member of

the European Parliament. Mrs. Rehn is a maverick by Finnish standards, and she has not shied away from challenging her own political party's ideas or plunging into daredevil missions. As defense minister, she once drove her generals into a flustered frenzy when she proposed crashing their sauna gab sessions. Seeing their reaction, she asked: "Do you have something to hide?" Her femininity has not kept her from driving snow scooters on her 60th birthday or looping and flying upside down with the Blue Angels show pilots.

Mrs. Rehn was catapulted from her house-hold, her children's schooling and husband's furniture business to Finland's Parliament when she beat 27 contenders for her seat in the late 1970s. She moved on to become her country's longest-serving defense minister,

four and a half years.
"She is a soft-looking and a soft-spoken person, but she has will power, an enormous curiosity and a capacity to digest what she learns about areas where she has never treaded." said a former aide. There is steel inside the packaging and a burning desire to outdo the



For Elisabeth Rehn, 'It is important to do something for those who are suffering,'

disappointed men she leaves behind her, one aide explains. "And she is admired for that,"

another adds.

Mrs. Rehn's rivals in her minority, liberalcentrist Swedish People's Party had thought they could outmaneuver her by naming her defense minister for an interim period in 1990. "They thought nothing serious can happen in eight months if we name a woman as defense minister," she says. "They thought I would not succeed, they would get rid of me. I got quite popular."

She added: "Absolutely everything happened: Desert Storm, the Soviet Union collapsed, the Baltics gained independence, and I renewed the thinking in the country about defense. No one could avoid me anymore."

She built bridges with the international community. She became friends with her American and Russian counterparts. She has played host to former a U.S. defense secretary, Dick Cheney, and his wife, Lynne, in Lap-

She used her persuasiveness to purchase U.S. F/A-18 fighter planes in 1991. The \$4 billion order over 10 years amounted to twice Finland's annual defense budget at the time. In presidential elections last year, she fin-ished second, with 46 percent of the national

She was leading the race, in fact, until she was asked during a televised interview whether anyone had the intellectual right to doubt that Jesus existed. She said yes. Her faith was questioned and her blunt analysis became scandalous front page news. Her aides said she had walked into a trap.

Mrs. Rehn will not say whether she will run again, but she is a survivor. She's had a brush or two with death, including a miraculous escape during a Cessna plane crash. She suffered two fractures in her back. She has also dealt with intestinal cancer. It was eradicat-

"I am a fatalist," she said. "Someone told me when I was appointed rapporteur that the fact that I survived this serious illness and the crash had a meaning. There was a mission in my life now. Perhaps it is so. It was not my turn to

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Elisabeth Rehn, special rapporteur of the UN Commission on Human Rights for the former Yugoslavia, spoke in Wash-ington recently to Brian Knowlton of the International Herald

Q. What should the human rights priorities be for the Bosnian peace talks in Dayton, Ohio?

A. First, free and safe access for those refugees who really want to return - and not everybody wants to return. I consider the situation of the POWs quite important. There should be fair exchanges, supervised by the Red Cross.

And I'm especially concerned about the Banja Luka situation. That is something that must not, cannot, lead to anything like Srebrenica. There is, absolutely, a risk that something like this could happen.

Q. Some people say Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader. is a war criminal and should have been barred from Dayton. A. Perhaps it's better for me not to mention particular people

now because it's very important for me to be received in the future by all parties. My predecessor, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, was denied access to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and to Pale. He had to write his reports in the airport, as someone nastily put it. If I do my job right, someone said, I will be equally hated by everyone.

Q. Is there a formal channel for you to have input in

A. I don't have any specific role, and that was something that frustrated Mazowiecki, very much — that whatever he reported, nothing happened. I believe I have a much better chance of succeeding than he had, in part because he started from zero and I can build on his marvelous work.

Q. There was some feeling the details of the Srebrenica massacre came out too slowly from the UN. Do you agree? A. Absolutely. Reports should come very quickly.

Q. Were the Dutch peacekeepers at fault for what happened in Srebrenica, or was it beyond their control?

A. This whole thing with the safe havens was a disaster. If such things are to be created, they should be protected.

The Dutch didn't get the air protection they asked for. And it's obvious that the command was not efficient. I can't put blame on the individual soldiers. It's easy to sit in your comfortable chair in front of the television screen warching those miserable things happening and have absolutely the right opinion on how you should behave. But when you are there, you are quite alone. Even a soldier has a right to be a little bit afraid.

Q. When the war's over and all the facts come out, do you think we will learn of many more massacres we don't yet know

A. Unfortunately, yes, and that will be my mission, to try to find out. I told the Bosnian Serb authorities in Pale that sooner or later these things are bound to come to the surface, what really happened, and it would be better for you that they come out sooner. That way we can look forward instead of back.

Q. You will focus as well on accounting for the missing? A. Mothers of missing people came to me in Vukovar with a list of 2,000 names and asked me to forward it to the Serbian authorities. They don't have revenge in mind. They only want to know what happened to their husband or their son.

$oldsymbol{A}$ Stalin Museum for the Worshipful

By David Hoffman

GORI, Georgia - Time has hands of the clock are still in his sonal armored railroad car, with grasp, for the mighty forces of its pre-Revolution mahogany his Soviet empire have yet to and extra set of wheels, remains penetrate the citadel of his parked on the grounds. memory.

In the late 1980s, as glasnost and perestroika began to lay bare the bloodiest of Stalin's excesses, there was talk of correcting the record at the Stalin State Museum here. There was talk of acknowledging some of Stalin's victims. As recently as two years ago, plans were being laid for a museum souvenir shop that would sell Stalin memorabilia in keeping with the free-market mood of the

But like so many things across the vast and timeless former Soviet landscape, inertia prevailed. At the Stalin Museum, nothing much happened. Indeed, the only difference is that the museum's worshipful exhibits, removed for safekeeping to Austria during years of post-Soviet civil strife in Georgia, have now been put back on display at a time when more and more people are talking nostalgically about the good old days under communism.

Stalin's boyhood home, a single-room cabin where he was born Josef Vissarionovich Dzhugashvili, remains un-

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touched under the pavilion built lakar Nakhangova, receiving an in 1937 to protect it. The adaward from Stalin for picking colleagues, dictated in 1922, Stalin. Perhaps the updated in 1979. Stalin's perchange that have swept through trim, luxurious compartments

> **People are** nostalgic about this period; they come here and think it was not that bad.'

But it is inside the museum that a visitor finds time at a standstill, the cult of personality still fresh. Young Georgian schoolchildren are paraded through the halls, but what they see, the story of Stalin's life, is virtually the same display of Soviet days. It is devoid of criticism, bereft of truth about Stalin's millions of victims, his brutal collectivization of farms, his purges, his prison camps. They

Depicting Stalin as a man of culture, one exhibit explains how he took an interest in the translation of a famous Geor-Stalin made notes in the margins of the translated copy. which is displayed under glass. The year was 1937, but there is no mention of the poets and writers Stalin sent to the camps and to their deaths that same

Another exhibit deals with the period of Soviet agricultural collectivization. A photo depicts an 11-year-old girl, Mam- the entire museum: the text of

suppression of the prosperous pre-Soviet peasants known as kulaks or of the millions of people who died in the subsequent

famine. Stalin's role in the Bolshevik mediately after is portrayed as second in importance only to that of Lenin, the founder of the Soviet state. But there is hardly bad. a mention, and not a single photograph, of Leon Trotsky, a central figure in the revolution. who was forced into exile and

The onset of World War II is Soviet soldiers rushing to the front. Nothing is said about the secret prewar protocols be-tween Hitler and Stalin that divided up Poland and the Baltic states, or of Stalin's panic as Nazi troops neared Moscow in 1941, or of his purges a few years earlier that wiped out a

generation of army officers. Nor is there a word about the Great Terror - the arrests, torture and executions of suspect Communist Party officials and others in the 1930s. Even the display covering Stalin's personal life manages to skip over gian poem. 'Knight in a unpleasant details such as the Tiger's Skin,' into Russian. suicide of his second wife, Nadezhda

Nunu Jojoishvili, a guide at the museum for 17 years, said that when the exhibits were removed for safekeeping in 1991. we talked about making changes in the history of the 1930s, but nothing has been changed so far." She took a pointer and showed a visitor the one critical item on display in

jacent baroque museum was cotton. Another shows a beam- two years before his death, GORI, Georgia — Time has opened in 1957 — Stalin died in ing woman tractor driver. But against Stalin's having "unlimstopped in the birthplace of 1953 — and the exhibits were there is no word about his brutal ited power in his hands."

Miss Jojoishvili is not apologetic. "We think he was a great politician, and people should know it," she said. "We respect him. He didn't do anything for Georgia in particular: Revolution and the years im- he harmed many and did good to others. People are nostalgic about this period; they come here and think it was not that

ZhuZhuna Khinchikashvili, who as the museum's "scientific secretary" is responsible for verifying information in the murdered in 1940 by Stalin's displays, acknowledged that some of Stalin's victims were later "rehabilitated," but she depicted with photos of brave said the museum was not prepared to document that just

"There were many real enemies in 1937, not just innocent people," she said. "We want to objective informa-

The museum is selling one souvenir, however --- a picture pamphlet for about 50 cents. The pamphlet includes a sen tence that reads: "During J.V. Stalin's period in office, especially in the second half of the '30s, blatant violations of the law, resulting in massive unfounded repressions, took place in the Soviet Union.

It does not say who carried

Correction

Because of a transmission error, the number of Chinese works of art from a single owner collection soldby Sotheby's in Hong Kong on Oct. 31 was incorrectly given in the Nov. 4-5 issue. The correct figure is 16.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Strikes Disrupt 3 European Airlines PARIS (AFP) - Strikes disrupted flights on three major European airlines Thursday, with workers for Air France, Iberia and Scandinavian Airlines System taking action over a variety of

In Paris, the first day of a 72-hour strike by cabin crew cut Air France services by 20 percent Thursday, while 30 percent of flights by domestic carrier Air Inter were canceled, officials said.

Meanwhile pilots of the Spanish carrier Iberia started a two-day stoppage, which the company said would mean cancellation of 60 percent of its flights on Thursday, or 247 out of a total of 424. In Stockholm, SAS said a strike by cabin staff, also due to last two days, would mean that 50 percent of intra-European flights, affecting an estimated 15,000 people, would have to be canceled.

Eurotunnel to Reduce Franc Rates

PARIS (AFP) - Eurotunnel, which operates the Channel tunnel from Calais, France, to Dover, England, will reduce return fares in French francs for automobiles slightly next year but prices in pounds will rise by I percent, the company said on Thursday. Meanwhile, a study by a former consultant to the company implied that salvation for the deeply indebted company lies in an

aggressive fare policy to undercut ferry companies prices.

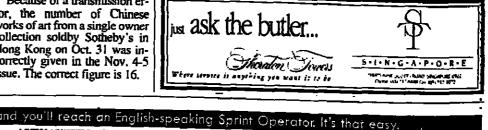
The return fare over five days for cars carried by trains running beneath the Channel would range from 650 francs to 1,330 francs, or about £84 to £173, a spokesman for Eurotunnel said. The company is negotiating with bankers in order to remain solvent.

Breathing could be hazardous to health in parts of Hong Kong on Friday, with the air pollution index reaching very high levels, especially in areas with heavy construction, the Environmental Protection Department said Thursday.

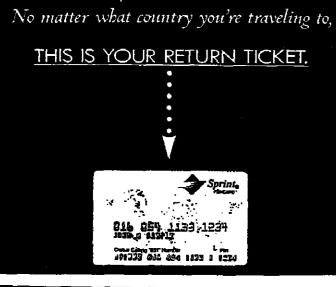
(AFP)

A small regional carrier will be challenging Alitalia on the profitable Rome-Milan route, offering five round-trip flights daily at a price 20 percent lower than the national carrier. Air One which until now offered service only between Milan and a handful of southern cities, will begin service Nov. 23, the airline ans nounced Thursday.

Tourist arrivals to Singapore grew slowly by 3.6 percent from a year ago to 688,484 in August, as the number of visitors from Southeast Asia and other regions declined. officials said



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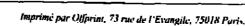
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Second-Guessing on Powell Decision Met With Elation and Deflation

By Steven A. Holmes New York Times Service

Wednesday morning, Joan relations, for voter enthusiasm news conference at which they Lawrence, a Republican in the and even for media interest in Ohio House of Representatives, put the finishing touches on a letter to Colin L. Powell.

would do more for this nation his concern for his family's prithan to have you become president of the United States," she lacked the necessary passion

A few hours later, as she re-turned to her office from a leg-Curtis B. Gans, director of the mula for the Republican Party A few hours later, as she reislative session, she got a call from a friend who had seen General Powell on television E saying that he would not run.

leaking out of the body politic the public and who don't insolute the country and throughout the country are not held in high esteem by and throughout the country. For torate." many — notably ardent con-servatives and announced Re-mer," said Kenneth L. Adelpublican candidates — it was a man, former head of the Arms sigh of relief that General Pow- Control and Disarmament ell, who was leading in many polls, had decided not to seek the party's nomination.

But for many others, it was a to fulfill a unique function for deep breath of disappointment. the country."

Lamar Alexander,

competitor and his

candidates for the

have been a formidable

Republican nomination

will actually be, and it

will quickly become a

For them, a moment had been lost, a moment of importance Powell in the race is by no WASHINGTON - Early the Republican Party, for race group of conservatives held a the campaign.

"I can imagine little that reasons for deciding not to run: preference programs. vacy and his conclusion that he was colored by regret.

Committee for the Study of the and I think his candidacy would American Electorate. "The have ended up lesseming his public wants a better set of stature because that's the nature choices than it is likely to have of American politics," "I'm very disappointed, west year. Right now, you're looking at an election in which you may have some very important issues, but will probably have standard-bearers who next year. Right now, you're Gary Bauer, president of the looking at an election in which Family Research Council, a

> Agency in the Reagan administration, and a personal friend. "He had a unique opportunity

Praise For Powell, and a Boost for Republican Candidates

Senator Phil Gramm

deciding not to run, the

always wanted from the very beginning."

field is set and the

decision clears the field. Dole and me - and that's the choice I have

for the country, for history, for means universal. Last week, a denigrated General Powell's military record and criticized To be sure, many said they him for supporting abortion understood General Powell's rights and some race-based

Some of them expressed pleasure in General Powell's decision, even as they insisted wrote. "Please join the fray for for a grueling political cambe Republican nomination for paign. But their understanding publican nomination anyway.

"I continue to believe his conservative public policy or-

Over and over, those who were disheartened by General Powell's withdrawal kept returning to the issue of race. As a black man with decidedly working-class roots, General Powell had become a vessel into which many blacks and whites poured their hopes for healing of the country's vexing racial divide

for the nomination at all. opportunity to broaden



General Powell with his wife, Alma, following his decision to stay clear of the '96 race.

Many blacks described him to have enjoyed the broad band as Jackie Robinson writ large, of support across the entire that stature again.' someone who could break the electorate, and therefore had a Jesse Jackson, w

Steve Forbes, publisher Even though he has

decided against running for president,

this does not mean the

end of General Powell's

role in American public life. We know that he

Senator Richard Lugar

established that there is

key role in shaping America's future."

*Colin Powell has

a constituency for a

strong, principled candidate who knows

national defense and who has a core system

something about

of values. I fill that

color barrier at the highest possible level.

Shot at being elected presible come the first black Demodent," said Hugh Price, prescratic nominee for president in ident of the National Urban 1988, said be was disappointed that General Powell had not enter the first black Demodent, and the first black Demodent in 1988, said be was disappointed that General Powell had not enter the first black Demodent. African-American will rise to tered the race. "He lifted the

Jesse Jackson, who sought to said.

tone of the campaign," he

For a Bevy of Pundits, Just Wishful Thinking

WASHINGTON-The pundits tried mightily to entice Colin L Powell into the race. The pundits said he was running. The pundits

were wrong.

Sam Donaldson of ABC News, one of the many big-name journalists who were both predicting and encouraging a Powell bid for the White House, dropped off a note at the retired general's home in Virginia, hoping for an interview. General Powell's wife, Alma, would not let him in.

"As someone who's been predicting all these weeks that he would run, I'm disappointed," Mr. Donaldson told Mrs. Powell.

"But on the other hand, it's your life and not mine."

'But on the other hand, it's your life and not mine.'

"That's right," she replied.

Mr. Donaldson had plenty of company in declaring that General Powell would take the plunge: Tim Russert, NBC's top political man; Jack Germond of the Baltimore Sun; David Broder of The Washington Post; the columnists Carl Rowan, Charles Krauthammer, Evan Thomas and others.

"I just thought being 58 and having the opportunity to be the first African-American elected president would be irresistible,"

General Powell's decision not to run caps an extraordinary few months in which the media often seemed to be leading an effort to draft him. Time, Newsweek and U.S. News & World Report ran a tables, not entirely in reaction to note for the Republicans amid Powell Save America?" Commentators from William Kristol, the

POLITICALNOTES

Panetta Sees Budget Terrorism'

WASHINGTON — With the federal government moving toward possible shutdown, the White House chief of staff. Leon E. Panetta, criticized Republican budget tactics on

Thursday as "a form of terrorism."

Mr. Panetta said more than 800,000 government workers faced layoff and the country would be at the brink of default if Republicans continued to push their agenda as a condition

for passing short-term spending and debt measures.

Don't put a gun to the head of the president, the head of the country, and say: 'You don't accept our priorities, you don't accept what we want to do to Medicare and Medicaid. what we want to do to education, we're going to blow you apart," Mr. Panetta said at a White House briefing. "That's a form of terrorism. We're not going to accept that."

The House speaker, Newt Gingrich, called the remarks "just bizarre" and said: "We're not going to allow him to do whatever he wants.'

Congress must produce legislation by midnight Monday to keep the government running and also must increase the debt ceiling to avoid a loan default. (Reuers)

Gingrich Is Feeling Shunned

WASHINGTON — Newt Gingrich infuriated the White House on Thursday by complaining about his treatment on Air Force One during the flight to Israel for the funeral of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Mr. Gingrich, the House speaker, grumbled that he "didn't talk to the president at all on the plane," and his spokesman implied that President Bill Clinton had missed a chance to try to solve the budget impasse with Congress.

Mr. Gingrich and the Senate majority Leader, Bob Dole.

flew with Mr. Clinton and two former presidents, Jimmy Carter and George Bush, to Mr. Rabin's funeral in Jerusalem

A Gingrich spokesman, Tony Blankley, attacked Mr. Clinton for not using the flight to tackle the budget im-

"The three guys most likely to be able to make some progress in solving that were on same plane for 26 hours and one would have thought that if the president had any interest in finding common ground, he might have been able to find it on Air Force One," Mr. Blankley said.

The griping prompted an angry retort from the White House spokesman, Michael McCurry, who said all members of the U.S. funeral delegation were treated with the "utmost

respect."
"This thing smacks of silliness," he said. "And I think it's also a little bit offensive when you consider the purpose of a fineral to mourn a foreign that trip, which was to go to a funeral to mourn a foreign

Jackson Reconsiders Running

WASHINGTON - Jesse Jackson, a two-time presidential candidate, said Thursday that he was thinking anew about running in 1996 now that Colin L. Powell has ruled out a potential White House bid.

Less than 24 hours after General Powell announced he would not run, Mr. Jackson said at a news conference that he had met with his advisers over the last few days to "assess the "I still have the fire in my belly and clear vision in my head

about what a president ought to do to make the nation better," said the founder of the National Rainbow Coalition and presidential candidate of 1984 and 1988.

Mr. Jackson said it was premature to say when he would reach a decision.

Quote / Unquote

Lloyd M. Cutler, the former White House counsel, appearing before the Senate Whitewater Committee after having been accused by Senate Republicans of misrepresenting the conclusions of a Whitewater ethics inquiry when he suggested that the investigation had cleared the White House of all wrongdoing: "I may have gone too far when I testified before this committee.'

A Chink in the Republicans' Armor

Richard L. Berke New York Times Service

"I am pleased that

Republican party and I will actively seek his

we work to bring our

people together, broaden the appeal of

our party and move our

WASHINGTON - While the midterm election results around the country were hardly proof of a Democratic revival, they shattered the sense of invincibility among Republicans that has grown in the three years since President Bill Clinton's

By staving off Republican efforts to take over the legislatures in Virginia and Maine and the governorship of Kentucky, Democrats gave them-selves more than a little hope that the party was not battered beyond redemption as the 1996 their agenda on Capitol Hill presidential campaign was about to start.

On a tactical level, the results popular after all. Tuesday are bound to energize

parade of veteran Democrats marches to retirement.

But more significant, the re-sults handed the Republicans their first stinging news in three years: The party had pumped far more money into the races than Democrats had, and many Republicans had sought to turn the contests into a referendum on Newt Gingrich and the House speaker's performance since the party captured control of Congress last fall.

Indeed, Republicans got a electorate that had been borne out in polls for months: Perhaps Kevin Phillips, a prominent

the Democrats, perhaps en- Republican analyst, said: "This the extent to which Republicans abling them to overcome a lack- is very auspicious for the can expect to become even more luster fund-raising season and Democrats. It suggests that in strongly entrenched in '96."

Pat Buchanan,

I don't think Colin

Powell was a shoo-in

I respect the general's decision. I think we

ought to welcome him

going to remain a

into the party, but we're

sobering reminder from the and the Georgian congressman who personifies it — is not so

Bill Clinton's Washington but to the scattered races: Governor conservative publisher of the Standard, to William Greider, the Newt Gingrich's Washington." Kirk Fordice of Mississippi, as liberal Rolling Stone writer, had praise for a Powell candidacy. Republicans might have expected, easily defeated Dick been the victim of their own outsized expectations.

Senator Arlen Specter

"I was sorry to hear of

Colin Powell's decision. It was an historic

the base of the party. So far, the so-called

moderates have been

dispirited and unwilling to take a stand. Colin

Powell had the prospect

election, first in a special election for a Senate seat in Georgia in 1992; then the governorships of Virginia and New Jersey in 1993 and the Republican ascendancy in Congress last year.

may be in trouble," said Richard G. Niemi, a political versity of Rochester who specializes in voting trends. "It certainly raises questions about the Republican sweep of '94 and

Molpus, a Democrat who is the Mississippi secretary of state. They had registered mostly But every other Republican on triumphs since Mr. Clinton's the statewide ballot lost. Coupled with the defeats

elsewhere, many Republicans are now sounding like Democrats did last year after losing control of Congress.

'The Republican Party right "This is an indication that the now is a party with a message whole Republican revolution and a vision but without a messenger," said John McLaugh-lin, a Republican pollster. "The science professor at the Uni-versity of Rochester who spe-enced a watershed, once-in-alifetime victory. Now, we're back to basic politics."

In explaining the losses, many Republicans spoke not of the Democrats but of Mr. Gingrich.

The results in Virginia, for instance, were not only disappointing to the party nationally, Governor George F. Allen, who of great public concern over is sometimes referred to in Richmond as "Baby Newt." Through commercials and relentless campaigning, Mr. Allen and the national party sought to make the campaign a test of his first year in office, and on Mr. Gingrich.

"I think he's not only a lame duck, but a dead duck," Jong O. Ra, a political science professor at Hollins College said of Mr. Allen. "And he asked for it. He stuck his neck way out."

But Haley Barbour, the Re-publican national chairman, said the trends still favored Republicans. "Things have been so bad for the Democrats, they have a new standard for success," he

Foreigners Win a Free Speech Case 'Landmark' Ruling Challenges McCarran-Walter Act

By Kenneth B. Noble New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES - In a case fraught with implications for international relations and constitutional law, a federal appeals court has ruled that for-eigners in the United States have the same right to free speech as American citizens.

Civil liberties lawyers called the ruling perhaps the most significant challenge to date of the 43-year-old McCarran-Walter but were a serious setback for Act, which was passed at a time communism, a concern that was nurtured by Senator Joseph McCarthy. Over the years the law has been used to bar several prominent Marxist authors and intellectual dissidents from visiting the United States.

'It's a landmark decision," said Mark Rosenbaum, legal di-rector of the Los Angeles office of the American Civil Liberties Union. "It means that when the constitution talks about rights for all people, it means what it says. There's not a visa check on the First Amendment."

Center and a lawyer with the Center for Constitutional immigration service and de- toward current immigrants who Rights, who argued the case on tained in maximum security for are a part of our community.'

means that immigrants can citizens and that they need not fear deportation for their political views."

The ruling by a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit arose from the case of seven Palestinians and a Kenyan who were arrested in 1987 at gunpoint in Southern California and ordered deported by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The defendants were originally charged with subversion under a section of the 1952 Mc-Carran-Walter Immigration Act that prohibits foreigners in the United States from promoting world communism.

The immigration service based the decision on the

grounds that the eight supported the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a Marxist, hard-line faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization. All eight are avowed Palestinian nationalists but deny being

David Cole, a professor at members of the Popular Front.

Georgetown University Law After their 1987 arrest, they After their 1987 arrest, they were taken into custody by the

Out of touch.

appeal, said: "This is a great nearly three weeks. Their ar-day for all immigrants in this country. The court's decision Reagan administration was usrests sparked protests that the Reagan administration was using the guise of national sespeak and associate as freely as curity interests, and employing a McCarthy-era law, as a pretext to deport people with no history of violent acts.

In its original complaint, the government argued that each defendant belonged to "an organization that causes to be written, circulated, distributed, published or displayed, written or printed maner advocating or teaching economic, international and governmental doc-trines of world communism."

The defendants argued that they were being selectively prosecuted. In court documents, they noted, for example, that the government did not seek to de-port other similarly situated aliens aligned with organiza-tions the United States supported, like the Nicaraguan contras and the Afghan mujahidin.

The ruling rejected in the broadest terms the immigration service's efforts to deport the eight, saying "because we are a nation founded by immigrants," the First Amendment free speech provisions are "especially relevant to our attitude

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Away From Politics

 Princeton University has announced its biggest gift ever — \$100 million for its engineering school from the Hong Kong entrepreneur Gordon Y.S. Wu, a 1958 graduate. Mr. Wu studied engineering at Princeton and credited the school for his success. (AP)

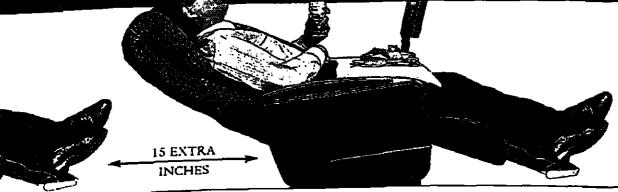
• A storm of criticism has been generated by some members of the Los Angeles district attorney's staff after District Attorney Gil Garcetti decided to award nearly \$43,000 in bonuses to the lead prosecutors — William Hodgman, Marcia Clark and Christopher A. Darden — in the O.J. Simpson case. A group Darden — in the O.J. Simpson in filing a of the disgrantled is considering filing a (LAT)

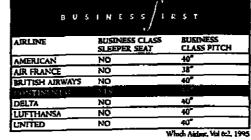
· William A. Masters II, who shot and Kevorkian.

killed a graffiti vandal last January and wounded another in a case that roused a national debate, has been sentenced to 30 days of removing graffiti and three years on probation. He was also ordered to give up his guns. Protesters outside the courtroom continued to call for Mr. Masters to be tried for murder. (LAT)

Dr. Jack Kevorkian's contention that the hopelessly ill have a right to end their suffering was called into question when an autopsy on a cancer patient, the 26th known person to die in his presence, failed to show that the victim had any trace of the disease. The autopsy revealed that Patricia Cashman, 58, of San Marcos, California, died of carbon monoxide poisoning; the death was ruled a homicide. Prosecutors and investigators said they would wait for a final report from the medical examiner before deciding whether to charge Dr.

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To Bolster Security, Asians Peer Out at Space More Nations Weigh Spy Satellites as Images Improve and Costs Drop

By Michael Richardson . International Herald Tribune

MELBOURNE - As spy satellite affordable, a growing number of nations creasingly to space for military pur-

Some, including China, Japan, India, Australia, South Korea and Thailand, are either upgrading spy satellites or considering whether to acquire them for optical, infrared or radar surveillance.

Analysts say that many other Asian countries are buying images of areas of military interest taken by civilian spacecraft that are operated by nonmilitary organizations in United States, France

Although the images are far less sharp than those of true spy satellites, which can show details as small as about 15 centimeters (6 inches), they offer some ability to view tanks, aircraft, missiles, ships, arms factories and other military sites.

These "remote sensing" satellites routinely photograph the Earth for sciforestry management.

However, a new generation of remote technology improves and becomes more sensing satellites, due to be launched by American companies beginning in in Asia and the Pacific are looking in- 1996, will provide military planners with access to photographs of objects as small as one meter, according to the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London.

With the end of the Cold War and uncertainty about the intentions of their neighbors, Asian and Pacific countries nology Organization in Canberra, said want to improve their intelligence capabilities and develop greater military self-reliance, said Desmond Ball an an alyst in the Strategic and Defense Studies Center at the Australian National University in Canberra.

'Greater self-reliance requires independent surveillance, warning and intelligence capabilities to monitor regional developments, especially in the maritime approaches" that provide avenues for naval or air attack against

nations in the region, he said. Only China and India build, launch

have them by 2000 or shortly afterward, either by buying them from other countries or building them domestically.

Australia and Thailand are also studying the feasibility of having their own military reconnaissance satellites.

The Thai military said recently that it was looking into a space program that would cost more than \$1 billion.

Tony Bedford, chief of the space division of the Defense Science and Techthat because of dramatic advances in recent years in satellite imaging technology and a lowering of costs, it might be possible for Australia to have its own surveillance spacecraft by 2005 for much less money than it would now

have to pay. He said that relatively small satellites orbiting several hundred kilometers above the surface of the Earth could soon be launched and operated for about

\$150 million each. Mr. Bedford said that one option for Australia was to share a defense satellite

entific and commercial uses, such as and operate spy satellites in Asia, alsystem with its neighbors. But he caumapmaking, pollution control and though Japan and South Korea plan to tioned that if Australia were to "depend on satellites owned and controlled by other countries, it would always be subject to the policies of those countries and possibly find itself denied information when it is most needed."

Analysts said that the need to obtain timely information was also pushing countries toward exclusive control of their own satellites.

Opinion is divided on whether a proliferation of national spy satellites would enhance or weaken security in the region. By gaining better intelligence about the military activities of their neighbors, countries in Asia and the Pacific might feel more secure.

But if some nations were seen to be gaining a military edge over their rivals, it could intensify an arms buildup that is already under way in the region.

Sunai Julapongsthorn, a member of Parliament in Thailand for the opposition Chart Pattana party, said that if the Thai military went ahead with its plan to launch a spy satelline, "our friendly neighbors may suspect our intentions.

Elephants Across Asia Said to Be Threatened

Compiled by Our Staff From Dupatches
GENEVA — The Asian elephant is facing the danger of extinction as economic expansion brings it into greater conflict with man, the World Wide Fund for Nature said Thurs-

A report by the Swiss-based body said that only 35,000 to 50,000 of the species remained in mainly isolated pockets. Millions of the beasts once ranged from Syria to China.

Elisabeth Kemp, one of the two authors of the report, said that if the destruction of the tropical forests where the animals live was not halted, "the Asian elephant will go with

The report went on: "Asian elephants are being devastated by human activities, which have destroyed huge tracts of their habitat and shrunk their range to a tiny fragment of what it was 50 years ago.

"Unchecked logging, agri-cultural clearance and illplanned development have driven elephants from their forest home and resulted in an unprecedented spate of conflict between humans and elephants.1

The animals "will not survive without coordinated and concerted efforts to save the species," Ms. Kemp wrote.

The report said the Asian elechant, which came originally from Africa around 55 million years ago, had been largely forgotten as conservation efforts focused on the plight of its larger cousin in Africa.

The African elephant, which is the target of widespread poaching for the ivory trade, is also in decline, but there are 10 times more of them than their

Unlike the African elephant, which is spread across much of the southern half of the continent, the Asian population of the animal has been fragmented into relatively small groups, putting their potential for longterm survival more at risk.

The report added that in India alone, about 300 people were killed each year by elephants, which were being driven out of their natural habitats.

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China Warns on Arms to Taiwan

BELJING -- China warned France and the United States on Thursday not to sell weapons to Taiwan and announced that its rival would be barred from sending a senior official to a meeting of regional leaders in Japan this month.

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"Any country providing Taiwan with any type of weapon or equipment is opposed by the Chinese government and is interference in China's internal affairs," the Foreign Min-

istry spokesman, Shen Guofang, said at a news briefing.
General Fu Quanyou, the army chief of staff, told his French counterpart, Marshal Jean-Philippe Douin, in Paris on Wednesday that Beijing was "seriously concerned" about recent reports of the signing of an arms sale protocol between France and Taiwan, Xinhua press agency said. (Reuters)

Beijing City Chiefs Get Lecture

BEIJING - The Communist Party chief, Jiang Zemin, has urged the city of Beijing to learn from a spectacular corruption inquiry that toppled a Politburo member, but gave no sign that the disgraced capital party boss faced trial.

Mr. Jiang, quoted in the Thursday issue of the People's Daily, shed little light on the fate of the Chen Xitong, who was purged from the party's Politburo in September. Mr. Chen is reported to have abused his office to amass \$24 million in unauthorized funds

In a speech to Beijing city leaders Wednesday, Mr. Jiang said the case had "created a very bad impression on the city's work and the party's reputation," and he called on party and city officials to ward against future lapses. (Reuters)

Party Launched in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH — Cambodia's most prominent government critic launched a political party Thursday, but the authorities immediately questioned the legality of the move and warned that they could not take responsibility for any consequences.

Sam Rainsy, a former finance minister, shrugged off threats of violence and inaugurated his Khmer Nation Party at his Phnom Penh home.

Kashmir Kidnappers Contacted

SRINAGAR, India - Contact has been re-established with a rebel Muslim group holding four Westerners hostage in Kashmir for more than four months, a spokesman for the Indian state said Thursday.

The spokesman, Kulbushan Jindiyal, said here that contact

was established with the Al-Faran rebel group three times Thursday. Direct links with the militants broke off Sept. 19.

"It is a very positive development. We are pursuing the case and it will be settled amicably," he said, adding that two hostages were sick and were being treated. He gave no further details but said the ailing hostages were a Briton and an American. Another Briton and a German are being held, and a Norwegian was found beheaded.

U.S.-Japan 'Security Declaration'

TOKYO - Japan and the United States intend to retain security ties, despite the furor over the rape of a girl by U.S. servicemen in Okinawa, according to a draft "security declaration" that appeared in the Japanese media Thursday.

"The Japan-U.S. joint security declaration" is to be announced after a summit meeting in Tokyo between Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama and President Bill Clinton on Nov. 20, Jiji Press said, quoting government sources. It stresses that security ties are necessary not only to defend Japan but also for the Asia-Pacific region's stability. (AFP)

VOICES From Asia

Y.S. Triswoyo, East Timor's immigration chief, after Indonesia on Thursday prevented foreign activists from commemorating the 1991 killing of unarmed protesters in East Timor by expelling seven and barring eight from en-tering the territory: "I asked them to leave, and I would have used force if they refused."

Fidel V. Ramos, president of the Philippines, saying Thursday that a rice shortage and the serious rise in the inflation rate it has caused would be resolved: "Within the month, we will have fully resolved the rice crisis and the apprehensions about the effects of that on inflation in our

Seoul Questions Hyundai Founder

Probe of Roh Fund Widens

about bribes paid to former President Roh Tae Woo. questioned Prosecutors

South Korea's best-known tycoon, Chung Ju Yung, founder of the Hyundai Group, as they worked through the nation's top boardrooms to discover the source of the former president's

Mr. Chung, 79, honorary chairman of the Hyundai empire, who is in fragile health, was supported by an aide as he walked into the prosecutorgeneral's office.

Mr. Chung turned up a day late for questioning, citing health reasons. He ignored questions shouted at him by rethe building's revolving doors.

cessful candidate in the 1992 presidential election when he set up his own party to chal- Herald quoted a prosecution oflenge President Kim Young ficial as saying the businessmen Sam. Later, he was given a sus- do not have much to fear, since pended jail sentence for using the government worries that ar-

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SEOUL — As the nation ing to find out whether they watched on television, more offered money in return for faleading businessmen grimly vors in obtaining business controoped into the prosecutor's tracts or if it was simply for office Thursday for questioning some 'rice cakes,' " said an official at the prosecutor-general's office. "Rice cakes" refer to cash donations with no strings attached.

The Yonhap news agency said prosecution officials suspected that much of the money Mr. Roh accumulated was taken as kickbacks. Mr. Roh said in a tearful confession that he had amassed \$654 million while in office and still had \$242 million after he left the presidential Blue House.

Another prosecution official said some of the corporate executives acknowledged giving Mr. Roh more than 10 billion won (\$12.9 million). Yonhap quoted people familiar with the porters as he stumbled through case as saying the businessmen revealed they each made po-Mr. Chung, a South Korean litical contributions ranging from 10 billion won to 30 bil-

lion won (\$39 million). But the newspaper Korea Hyundai money to finance his rests could unsettle the econ-

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Burma during World War II visiting Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park on Thursday, where they laid flowers in tribute to those who died in the atomic bombing of 1945.

group, was still being ques- ing business executives was cessor, is reported to be seeking moned more than 30 hours after likely to end by next Friday. bribery charges against Mr. being called in. Mr. Shin is related to Mr. Roh by marriage.

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PARIS - On the 25th anniversary of General Charles de Gaulle's death Thursday, France remembered the man who made it the modern nation it is: proud, independent, and determined to build a united Europe either in its own image or not at all.

President Jacques Chirac, an avowed Gaullist, made the pilgrimage to Colombey-les-deux-Eglises, the eastern French village where de Gaulle died on Nov. 9, 1970, to lay a tricolored wreath on his grave, and Gaullists everywhere called on the French to live up to the vision laid out for them by The General. (There will always be only one, for the faithful.)

De Gaulle's nationalistic spirit still dominates European debate, not only in his own country but in Germany, the foe from whom he rescued French self-respect as leader of the Resistance during World War II and with whom he carried out a historic reconciliation with Konrad Adenauer.

In recent weeks, some politicians in Germany have been sounding almost Gaullist about the issue that could make or break the movement toward greater European unity between now and 1999: the creation of a сопттоп Енгореал ситтепсу.

The French say they want one because it will make Europe less vulnerable than it is now to fluctuations in the value of the dollar. The Germans profess they want the same thing, but their currency already gives them that protection. Both views are focused on national interest, in classic Gaullist fashion.

De Gaulle's vision was not and Europe, in the face of a rope from attack. These days, global "Anglo-Saxon" culture Europeans are thinking anew that he and all French presidents since have resisted.

"The French need to be proud of France; otherwise, they fall into mediocrity, they quarrel, they head for the bistrot," he told his aide Alain Peyrefitte.

The nuclear force de frappe that de Gaulle built, he told Mr.

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De Gaulle's grandson Jean, Mr. Chirac, and the general's son Philippe at the ceremony.

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of French nuclear testing. French and British diplomats

about making the proud and an- abusive protector." More seri- including Chancellor Helmut wrote in a tribute to de Gaulle in cient European nation-states fit ously, he questioned whether Kohl, hoped then that monetary into a federal mold, but about America would be ready to risk union would bind Germany the cultural survival of France, nuclear destruction to save Eu- more closely to the common European enterprise. Except for Mr. Kohl, German politicians of about how to provide for a all parties seem nowadays to be growing more skeptical, calling And, unimaginable in de for more stringent anti-inflation-Gaulle's day, Britain is France's ary monetary requirements on would-be participants, meaning and a union of states capable of staunchest supporter on the issue mostly their Gallic neighbors.

Mr. Chirac recently renewed relations with Britain to coun-ments laid down in the Euro-

the daily Le Figaro: "To be Gaullist today is to be resolutely in support of a European Europe, i.e., for a common currency that belongs to the people and not just to central bankers. an army that could defend the liberty of the continent if necessary instead of just parading, action rather than palaver."

That and an attack on high agree that France wants better his vows to meet the require- interest rates all French politicians see forced upon them by Peyrefitte, was not just there to terbalance Germany's increased pean Union treaty, but the discourage aggression. "It is weight since reunification in Gaullist president of the French Gaullist, and it will not reassure there just as much to deter an 1990. European Union leaders, Parliament, Philippe Séguin, the bankers across the Rhine.

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EU Ministers Press

BRUSSELS — European Union foreign ministers will meet in a special session Friday to try to break a deadlock over a crucial trade and cooperation accord with Morocco.

The deal, one of the building blocks for a future Euro-Mediterranean freetrade area, is hung up on an array of disputes over agricultural concessions being offered to Rabat.

"The whole agricultural dossier is supply about 10 percent of its electric-still up for grabs," a diplomat said after ity.

(AP) the EU failed this week to find a solution. "Almost every country has some prob-lems with something." (Reuters) lems with something.

Yeltsin Says Kozyrev Will Have a Deputy

MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin, in the hospital with heart prob-lems, and Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev agreed Thursday that the em-battled minister would get a new first deputy, the Interfax news agency re-

The appointment indicated that Mr. Kozyrev would keep his job, at least for now. Mr. Yeltsin said last month that he taking the job at Conservative Party was looking for a replacement for Mr. Kozyrev but later said the minister just needed a deputy to help him with his administrative duties. (Reuters)

Leftists' Office in Oslo Is Damaged by Bomb

OSLO — A small bomb blew out windows but caused no injuries at a

windows but caused no injuries at a leftist youth group's meetinghouse in downlown Oslo on Thursday.

The group, called Blitz, has had frequent and sometimes violent confrontations with extreme rightist and neo-Nazi

groups in Norway.
In a news release, Blitz said it believed the explosion was intended to mark the anniversary of Kristallnacht on Nov. 9. 1939, when Nazi Germany began its pogrom against Jews.

Russians May Build For Morocco Accord More Nuclear Plants

MOSCOW - Russia is considering building five more nuclear power plants in areas of the country with serious energy needs, the Interfax news agency reported Thursday.

Two of the proposed plants would be

built in the Russian Far East, one would be built in central Russia and another in

the Ural Mountains, the agency said.
Russia now has 28 nuclear plants that

Conservative Publicist Jumps Major's Ship

LONDON --- In a new blow for Prime Minister John Major, the Conservative Party's public relations chief has quit. accusing the party of paralysis and ar-

"The Tory party behave as if they are in office by divine right — and assume voters will eventually see sense and rally to the flag." Hugh Colver wrote in the pro-conservative Sun newspaper Thurs-

day, a day after resigning. Mr. Colver resigned six months after

European Union events on Friday:

SEVILLE: European and American business leaders meet with the U.S. com-merce secretary, Ron Brown, and the EU trade commissioner, Leon Brittan.

BRUSSELS: Negotiations begin on an association agreement between the EU and Lebanon.

BRUSSELS: Talks continue between European and Japanese manufacturers. Sources: Agence Europe, AFP

Opponents Are Of Mafia Links

ernment collapsed in December, is to stand trial in January on charges of corruption anti-graft magistrates of being politically

Mr. Musotto, a lawyer who has defended numerous Mafiosi, was linked to the So-cialist Party before it was discredited in Italy's corruption scandals.

his capture in June.

investigated for alleged Mafia links.

Mr. Sgarbi, who regularly criticizes anticorruption magistrates on Mr. Berlusconi's TV channels, accused the investigators of

Pino Arlacchi, deputy chairman of Parliament's anti-Mafia commission, told the

"In Sicily, Calabria and Campania, Forza Italia has inherited an important part of the old political structures of the Chrisacquired a reducts to a special control of exual control of the army's batpression over an article on the army's batpression over an article on the army's battian Democrats and Socialists," he said.

In Brescia, meanwhile, a former finance police general who will be a co-defendant in the Berlusconi trial was convicted in a different bribery case Thursday and sentenced

The former official, Giuseppe Cerciello, was among 38 policemen and businessmen

U.S. Reporter Acquitted in Turkey

iles with rebel Kurds.

to convict Aliza Marcus, 33, a U.S. citizen, for the article. It voted unanimously to acquit her on the recommendation of the acquit her on the recommendation of the southeast Turkey.

"It is requested that she be acquitted to literate was not sufficient evidence because there was not sufficient evidence because there was not have any criminal intent to and she did not have any criminal intent to the court prosecutor the Istanbul state security court.

It was the second hearing of the case at the Istanbul state security court.

Sentenced to jail terms ranging from four months to four years and eight months for exchanging bribes for easy tax audits. and she did not have any court prosecutor the Istanbul state security court.

said. The court then adjourned for five ISTANBUL — A court on Thursday minutes before returning its verdict.

Reuters journalists and editors.

The case stemmed from a Nov. 25, 1994.

The three-member State Security Court
The case stemmed from a Nov. 25, 1994,
story that referred to forcible evacuation of

Ms. Marcus had faced up to three years in prison for "provoking enmity and harred because there was not sufficient evidence because there was not sufficient evidence by displaying racism or regionalism."

Berlusconi Says **Behind Reports**

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ROME — Former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, himself charged with corruption, faced potentially damaging accusations from his opponents on Thursday that his center-right Forza Italia movement was the "party of the Mafia."

Italian newspapers devoted front-page headlines to the arrest Wednesday of Francesco Musotto, president of the province of Palermo and a prominent Forza Italia politician in Sicily, on charges of Mafia association. Mafia association.

"Storm hits Forza Italia, Sicilian leader handcuffed for Mafia," said the daily La

Stampa.

Forza Italia said the allegations against Mr. Musotto were "the result of a plot between the magistrates and the left." Mr. Berlusconi, whose short-lived gov-

linked to his media empire. He has accused

He was accused of having helped Le-oluca Bagarella, brother-in-law of the Mafia godfather Salvatore (The Beast) Ri-ina, during his four years on the run before

Mr. Musotto's arrest came a few days after two parliamentary deputies, Vittorio Sgarbi and Forza Italia's Tiziana Maiolo, were advised by magistrates in the south-ern city of Catanzaro that they were being

'inquisition tactics and Nazism.'

daily Corriere della Sera that Forza Italia, founded by Mr. Berlusconi after the collapse of Italy's old political guard, had Mafia support.

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to four years and two months in prison.



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By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

senior Serbian officers with crimes against humanity on Thursday for their complicity in the mass execution of 261 men who were forcibly evicted from a hospital in eastern Croatia four years ago.

The charges accuse the three Serbian officers of being responsible for the attack and occupation of Vukovar, a city near the Serbian-Croatian border that was devas- eration. tated by the Serbian Army after a bloody siege that involved some of the worst fighting seen in Europe since World War II.

It was the first time that Belgrade-based Serbs were charged with war crimes by the international criminal tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, which was established in The Hague two years ago by the UN Se-

The indictments appeared to bring investigators closer to the Serbian president, Slobodan Milosevic, who has been accused of masterminding the violent quest for a Greater Serbia, but lately has emerged as a few places in the control of the violent quest for a key player in the search for a peace set-

The chief prosecutor, Richard J. Goldstone of South Africa, said in a recent interview that, in the absence of an effective "paper trail," he was determined to follow a strategy of moving up the chain of command to find those ultimately responsible on all sides for the crimes against humanity committed in the Balkan fight-

lasting peace deal that are now taking place Tadic, is in custody and standing trial.

under U.S. supervision in Dayton, Ohio. These are matters that will not affect

the decisions that we take, but they may A United Nations tribunal charged three affect how well we are able to do the job," affect how well we are able to do the job," Judge Goldstone said. "We are interested in building up a body of legal evidence, regardless of the political consequences.

The charges brought Thursday against the three Serbian officers relate to the infamous siege of Vukovar after Serbs in Croatia rebelled against the country's decision to secede from the Yugoslav fed-

The indictments accuse soldiers under the command of the three Serbian officers Colonel Mile Mrksic, Captain Miroslav Radic and Major Velelin Sijivancanin of removing 261 non-Serbian men from the Vukovar hospital and transporting them to a farm building in Ovcara, where the captives were beaten for several hours.

Later, the prisoners were taken in groups of 10 or 20 to a site near the farm where Yugoslav and Serbian paramilitary soldiers shot and killed them.

grave at Ovcara. A spokesman for the tribunal, Christian

Chatrier, said all relevant documents had been transmitted to the Serbian government with a request that the three officers be arrested and turned over to the tribunal Serbia has refused to recognize the tri-

bunal or cooperate with its proceedings. Of the 46 people who have been charged with war crimes in the former Yugoslavia, Judge Goldstone said he would not be the vast majority are Bosnian Serbs, indeterred by continued fighting among the cluding their leader, Radovan Karadjic, warring Serbian, Croatian and Muslim par- and the military commander, Ratko ties, or by delicate negotiations to reach a Mladic. But only one Bosnian Serb, Dusan



HLJACKED - Kabret Shamsu, an Ethiopian national, pressing a knife against the throat of an Olympic Airways crew member during a hijacking drama Thursday at the Athens airport. Greek police units stormed the plane and arrested the man, who had taken control of the plane shortly before it landed on a flight from Bangkok. No injuries were reported.

Egyptian Militants Threaten Tourists

By John Lancaster

CAIRO - Egypt's main Isamic militant group Thursday threatened a new wave of violence against foreign tourists in the wake of two recent attacks on passenger trains.

The threat by the outlawed Islamic Group, which has fought the secular regime of President Hosni Mubarak for four years, is the first against foreigners in more than a year. In a handwritten statement

faxed to international news agencies, the group said it was responsible for attacking a train in southern Egypt on Tuesday, wounding 10 Egyptians, and urged tourists to leave the coun-

The statement did not claim responsibility for the second attack, in which gummen opened fire on a train in southern Egypt on Wednesday night, causing minor injuries to a Dutch man, a French woman and an Egyptian man. The Egyptian was hos-pitalized but the foreigners, who were lightly wounded by flying glass, were able to continue their journey.

The militants had not fired on foreigners since March. There was no way to tell, however, whether this week's attacks are to protect their lives." Govern a harbinger of renewed vio- ment officials said they could lence or merely a sign of the militants' desperation.

The militants seized head-

attacks on government officials and, occasionally, trains, buses and Nile cruise ships frequented by foreign tourists. The violence caused anxiety in the Western capitals, which has long considered Egypt a stable ally in the Middle East peace process.

But security forces have since gained the upper hand, containing the militants to the sugarcane fields and mudbrick villages of Upper Egypt. The militants have little popular support and pose little evident threar to political stability. Tourists have returned in droves.

But the government's prob-lems with Islamic militants are far from over. In June, Mr. Mubarak narrowly escaped as- 3 sassination when members of the Islamic Group opened fire in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In Up-per Egypt, meanwhile, the militants still inflict regular casualties on the police, who have taken to burning sugarcane fields to deprive them of cover. In a handwritten statement

faxed to international news agencies on Thursday, the Islamic Group said the first of the two attacks, on Tuesday, 'comes as a warning once again Egypt and advises those here to leave the country immediately not authenticate the handwritten statement. But its language was consistent with previous threats

Croats and Muslims Move To Shore Up Federation

DAYTON, Ohio — The presidents of Bosnia and Croatia agreed Thursday to shore up their federation, uniting the divided city of Mostar and enabling the return of refugees, an official close to the Balkan peace talks here said.

The agreement has been only initialed." the official said. "The signing ceremony will be held on Friday when Secretary of State Warren Christopher ar-

The official declined to go into details of

He said about 100 families from each side would be allowed to return to their and others towns contested by the two nations in 1993.

Hours earlier, senior officials said they expected that Croatian and Bosnian officials would solve the problems that have the official said. bedeviled their federation since it was forged last year to end the battles for territory in central Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Mr. Christopher said in Washington that he would go to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base outside Dayton to get involved in the

promising discussions. "I hope I'll be able to make some pro-

gress," he said. The federation between the Croats and Muslims, former enemies, has been moribund since it was formed under U.S. auspices in the spring of 1994. Mostar, badly damaged in savage 1993 fighting between Muslims and Croats, has remained a di-

rided city with separate administrations. Mostar's two mayors are taking part in the talks here.

Soon after the talks convened Nov. 1, the U.S.-led international negotiating team would constitute the backbone of a pos-

Since then, mediators have been shut-

tling among the Serbian. Bosnian and Croatian delegations, trying to identify points of agreement and hammer out com-

Mr. Christopher said he had talked three or four times on Wednesday with Richard C. Holbrooke, the chief U.S. mediator. He said it was a good sign that face-to-face negotiations were being held among the delegations, though "many, many hard problems remain.

The official who has been following the talks said a set of much firmer proposals had been prepared in the last several days on the basis of such contacts.

The proposals, he said, will be submitted homes in Jajce, Travnik, Bugojno, Stolac to the warring parties by the mediators, who include representatives of the European Community, Britain, France, Russia and Germany.

'The Americans are being very tough,'

We will know where we all stand after tomorrow. The contents of the revised proposals will determine how long the talks will last and whether they will end successfully or not."

The documents address seemingly intractable problems that have thwarted repeated attempts to reach a settlement of the war that broke out in Croatia in 1991 and spread to Bosnia the next year.

The drafts include a constitution for a unified Bosnian state made up of a Muslim-Croatian and a Serbian entity, maps of the territorial division of the state and the status of its capital, Sarajevo.

"It's important all around to see what the next draft brings in terms of Sarajevo and other issues," a member of another delegation said. (Reuters, AP)

presented drafts of key documents that **11 Yeltsin Holds Firm on Sanctions** President Boris N. Yeltsin vetoed a bill Thursday that would call for Russia to unilaterally lift economic sanctions im-

France Links Sanctions to Fate of Fliers

PARIS — Foreign Minister Hervé de Charette on Thursday linked the lifting of UN sanctions against Serbia to news of the fate of two missing French airmen shot down two months ago over Bosnia.

'We have let it be known to Mr. Milosevic that we might refuse to accept the lifting of the sanctions if we failed to receive the answers to questions we have the right to ask," Mr. de Charette said at a luncheon of diplomatic reporters in Paris. He was referring to the Serbian president, Slobodan Milosevic.

"It is a priority of France to succeed in discovering the fate of its two pi-

lots," he added. Captain Frédéric Chiffot and Lieutenant José Souvignet have been missing since Aug. 30 when their Mirage-2000 fighter-bomber was shot down over the Bosnian Serbian capital, Pale, as they took part in NATO air raids.

The two men were photographed on the ground, but the Bosnian Serbian leader, Radovan Karadzic, said later they were subsequently taken from a hospital by unknown kidnappers. Relatives of French peacekeepers

killed in action said this week that they had asked President Bill Clinton to intervene with Mr. Milosevic to press for news of the two men.

posed by the United Nations against Yugoslavia, Reuters reported from Moscow. The president's office said that Mr. Yeltsin sent a letter to the speaker of the State Duma that explained his objections to the draft law.

deadline, Dec. 15.

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of development projects, from

milk pasteurizing plants to fac-

tories for the manufacture of

alternative fuels. But when he

does wade into the morass of

Thai politics, politicians ignore

more evident than in May 1992,

when he ended a violent show-

down between a military-dom-

His influence was never

him at their peril.

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Mubarak Faces Fundamentalist Wrath

President's Trip to Jerusalem Enrages Religious Foes

By Douglas Jehl

sprawling capital's biggest slum, Sheikh Mayhoub Nasser is not the only one still seething at the sight of President Hosni Mubarak standing on Israeli

Islamic militants, the president's visit to Jerusalem is seen by some as a crucial mistake.

Islamic militants, the president refused repeated invitations to dent's visit to Jerusalem is seen by some as a crucial mistake.

While many ordinary Egyplants to describe the president to the president

'Mubarak has just signed his own death certificate," Sheikh Nasser said Wednesday in his apartment here.

Although the sheikh commands wide respect among his neighbors, he insisted he was not making a threat. And even in this impoverished neighborhood, the notion that Egypt's president is now at greater risk is an extreme view.

But the sheikh expressed the frustration of many in saying that Muslims cannot tolerate a leader who would visit Israel when it still controls Jerusalem. Mr. Mubarak's predecessor, Anwar Sadat, visited Jerusalem in 1977, even before Egypt made peace with Israel. Four years later, he was assassinated by Islamic militants who were angered both by the peace accord the two nations reached in 1979 and by Mr. Sadat's visit.

an enemy. And while Mr. Mubarak's careful words at Mr. CAIRO—In the heart of this stopped well short of an embrace, his supporters have hurried to head off charges that the president's presence was an affront to Islam.

A lengthy editorial Wednesday morning in Al Ahram, the Mr. Mubarak's journey to main government newspaper, pay tribute to Yitzhak Rabin has offered seven reasons for the been welcomed elsewhere as a visit, saying that on balance it poverty makes it fertile soil for Mubarak, who had previously to "occupied Jerusalem."

isons between him and King

described here as offensive.

Indeed, by the standards of zat, 21, a leader of Islamic stuthe student protests that fol-dents at Cairo University, lowed Mr. Sadat's visit to Jerusalem 18 years ago, the reaction to Mr. Mubarak's journey has been muted. Because emergency laws

have banned street demonstra-

gan its crackdown against Islamic militants three years ago. only opposition newspapers like Al Shaab have called crit- troops to Imbaba as part of its noble if overdue gesture. But in had been justified by "the ex- ical attention to what it de- crackdown on Islamic mili-slums like Imbaba, whose ceptional situation." And Mr. scribed as Mr. Mubarak's visit tants, and the firm hand Cairo

by the visit, the forceful an-In interviews across Cairo, it tipathy expressed by Islamic usual in his neighborhood was evident that his hope of militants suggested that the step Wednesday only for allowing avoiding a public backlash has so welcomed in the West may his name to be used as he critbeen strengthened by compar- carry domestic consequences. icized the Mubarak visit as an Hussein of Jordan, whose more and a Muslim leader to visit of Jerusalem.

effusive eulogy to Mr. Rabin is Jerusalem when it is still oc-

where student union elections Wednesday pitted Islamic candidates against those from a government-supported secular society. "We should never have had relations in the first tions since the government be- place with anyone who still occupies our land.'

Only three years ago the government dispatched 14,000 has wielded across Egypt has

"It is not befitting an Arab endorsement of Israel's control

"It is bad for both Arabs and cupied," said Mohammed Ez- Muslims," he said.

PLOT: Israel Sees Wide Conspiracy in Assassination

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had also planned attacks on

other political persons, based on their ideology to try to prevent the peace process.

service has massively increased Minister Shimon Peres. The leader of the opposition

Likud party, Benjamin Ne-Despite the peace, many in tanyahu, accused by Mr. Ra-emment has set up a commis Egypt still look upon Israel as bin's widow, Leah, of creating of inquiry into the murder.

was said by his spokesman Thursday to have received death threats since the murder. The assassination has thrown

He did not identify the other an unwelcome spotlight on Shin targets, but the Shin Bet secret Bet's presumption that any threat to an Israeli figure would security around Acting Prime come from Arabs. Four officials of the service have either reemment has set up a commission

and personal magnetism that

electoral politics, at least for the

sumably many more voters, re-

"He demonstrated today

why he should be president," a

leading Republican said. "He's

possibly match.

moment, had the effect of mak-

the volatile political climate Mr. Peres said this week that that led up to the assassination, Mr. Rabin had been alerted to the possibility of an assassination attempt at last Saturday's rally. But security officials said Thursday that their concerns had centered on a possible carbombing in reprisal for the killing in Malta of a top figure in

the Islamic Jihad movement. Israeli officials now seem to signed or been transferred since be suggesting that an under-the assassination, and the gov-ground Jewish extremist network had wider tentacles than Mr. Amir acknowledged, grouping accomplices who felt they acted with scriptural sanction. By evoking the idea of a Jew-

ish underground, the police sus-picions kindle long memories of clandestine, violent action by Jewish groups before and after the foundation of the state. Indeed, for many former Israeli leaders - including Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir their actions in the Jewish underground became part of their political credentials.

And in the 1980s, clandestine groups attacked Arabs, plotted to blow up the Dome of the Rock mosque on Jerusalem's Temple Mount and planted bombs in the cars of two Palestinian mayors in the West Bank.

But what stuns Israelis is that if a modern underground is at work it is targeting Israelis, not the British and Palestinians who were the targets of groups in the 1940s. And, in confronting that idea, Israelis must also face the uncomfortable memory of earlier, fratricidal bloodletting that suggests that the Rabin assassination belongs

would prefer to ignore. The police minister, Mr. Shahal, said officials were now investigating reports that ultranationalist rabbis had promoted Mr. Rabin's killing by giving

religious blessing to his murder. At a gathering of religious and on Tuesday night, Rabbi Yoel Bin-Nun of the West Bank setbinical authorities had said Mr.

Paris Bombing Suspect VIETNAM: Ordered Held by U.K.

charged in connection with bombings in France appeared in a British court Thursday and was told that he would be held while Paris prepared an extradition request. Rachid Ramda, an unem-

ployed 26-year-old with no

fixed address, was arrested in

London on Saturday. He will appear in court again next Thursday. British police charged him with "unlawfully and maliclously conspiring with others since July to cause an explosion of a nature likely to endanger

life or cause serious injury to property in France." The police in France blame series of bombings, which began in July and have killed sev-

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Arafat Visits Rabin's Home

TEL AVIV — The chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasser Arafat, paid a condolence call late Thursday to the home of Yitzhak Rabin's widow, Leah, Israeli security sources said. Mr. Arafat did not attend funeral services Monday for the slain Israeli leader.

LONDON — An Algerian 170.

Algeria's Armed Islamic Group has claimed responsibility, accusing France of siding with Algeria's military government in a civil war against Mus-Mr. Ramda spoke only long enough to give his name. He

Three other people arrested on Sunday under Britain's Prearrested along with Mr. Ramda, has been released.

Mr. Ramda was formally arrested under an extradition warrant on Wednesday, and French authorities have up to 40 days militant Algerian Muslims for a from that day to prepare their

police officers, led by the ex- mara's war strategy, "I had to do amining magistrate, Jean-Louis Bruguière, came to London for the investigation,

caused a security scare in France, and British officials say they have stepped up surveillance of Algerians living in had devised a plan of sabotage racy advocates by inviting the London at the request of the activities on the sea and in the air prime minister and the leader of who was calabrated on Road. French government. "We have been liaising with

time," said a spokeswoman at

Old Foes Meet

Continued from Page 1 War figures was evident Thurs-

day. General Giap, 84, who led the early military campaigns against French colonialists before the Vietnam War, wore his olive green military uniform. Mr. McNamara, 79, a Ford Motor Co. executive before he took the reins of the military in 1961, wore a blue suit. The general sat listened to proceedings through comfortably, smiling and talkative.Mr. McNamara appeared more the eager and slightly nervous technocrat, fuvention of Terrorism Act are riously scribbling notes on a still being held. A fifth suspect, yellow legal pad as General Giap spoke.

The fact that McNamara came here to see me shows that the situation has changed." General Giap said after the meeting. When he received guests during the war, he noted wryly. referring to the bombing raids A team of high-ranking Paris that were part of Mr. McNa-

it underground, in a shelter." General Giap told Mr. Mc-Namara that he believed the pa-The Paris bombings have trols of the Maddox were a deliberate ploy to draw the United States into the war. The Johnson administration

activities on the sea and in the air prime minister and the leader of who was celebrated on Broadin order to seek the approval of Congress," he said Later, Mr. French authorities the whole McNamara said that General Gi-The urgent invitation came ap's analysis was "absolutely hours after soldiers had opened captured by Rodgers and Ham- has acknowledged in inter- and Queen Sirikit. "He is the without foundation."

valuable endorsement, that of fight between himself and Mr. to rejoice. But the political skill Governor Stephen Merrill of Dole. New Hampshire, site of the first

bests in trial-heat polls, or one of the other announced Republican hopefuls, none of whom is given much chance of beating him by most Republican pro-

fessionals. There is also the possibility that the abrasive has done in the past. said that he would decide be- pieces. Two rivals, former Govnessee and Senator Phil Gramm

civilian protesters.

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former army general, resigned

king on their hands and knees.

Except for Mr. Gingrich, the General Powell displayed in the Republican field seems set, very act of turning away from Nevertheless, all the polls with no other obvious possishow that his support is soft, bilities lurking offstage. and therefore subject to rapid erosion if he stumbles, which he A third-party ticket headed ing many politicians, and pre-

POWELL: For Clinton, Dole and the Others, a Key Threat Sidelined

by Ross Perot or another candidate remains possible. But flect on the race that might-House speaker, Newt Gingrich, might enter the race. He has to judge who will pick up the paign by General Powell, unlike an independent cam- have-been. which would presumably have unscarred by the political wars, fore the New Hampshire filing ernor Lamar Alexander of Ten- attracted many Democratic vot- he offered qualities that Mr. Right now, the contest for the of Texas, struggling for attenlikely to help Mr. Clinton by Republican nomination seems tion, each issued statements arattracting more Republicans

ers, a Perot candidacy would be Clinton and Mr. Dole cannot

more than ever Mr. Dole's to guing that General Powell's than Democrats, as Mr. Perot lose. He not only lost a rival on withdrawal had turned the Redid in 1992.

Wednesday; he gained a highly publican race into a two-way So the president had reason a grown-un, KING: Thailand's Monarch Is a Figurehead, but One With Real Teeth

> nation struggling with every The meeting was televised, sort of modern ill, from pollution to AIDS to rampant political corruption. For millions of Thais, the king represents the only con-

lence ended as suddenly as it sistency they have known in the began, and the prime minister, a way they are governed. Since the absolute monarchy was overthrown in the 1930s, King Bhumibol, who ascend- this coup-prone nation has sufed to the throne in June 1946, is fered through military dictatorinated government and democ- the great-grandson of King ships and short-lived civilian

Many Thais worry what will fire on democracy protesters in merstein disappeared long ago. views that he is considered the only one we can trust."

has had to deny rumors that he is linked to unsavory activities from owning nightclubs to rigging lotteries. It is not surprising then that

worries about the king's health are front page news in Bangkok. He has been hospitalized twice this year for treatment for a constricted coronary

cians on any subject, but everybody believes the king," said Sawai Sincha, whose noothe democracy movement to a way and by Hollywood in the musical "The King and I." happen when the king's reign die stand in Bangkok is decmeeting at his palace. The King and I." But the fairy tale kingdom Prince Maha Vajiralonkom, photograph of King Bhumibol

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may, therefore, be killed. The police minister said more arrests were expected.

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West Urged To Prevent Hangings In Nigeria

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches
LAGOS — Nigerian human rights groups urged the West on Thursday to act quickly to stop the execution of a minority rights advocate, Ken Saro-Wiwa, and eight colleagues condemned to death by the country's military rulers.

A day before, Nigeria's ruling generals had ratified the death sentences of Mr. Saro-Wiwa, president of the Movement for the Survival of Ogoni Peoples, and eight other members of the group, who were convicted of the murder last year of four moderate Ogoni chiefs. The nine were sentenced last week by a special military

Saro-Wiwa, an acclaimed playwright, says he was framed for the killings be-

cause of his political activities. He and his co-defendants are from the Ogoni ethnic group, a minority of about 500,000 people in southern Nigeria who say their land and water have been destroyed by pollution from the oil industry. Oil accounts for about 80 percent of Nigeria's export income, and critics of the industry are often silenced.

A senior government official denied rumors circulating overseas that the nine were hanged early Thursday. "It is not true at said the official, who condition



Mr. Saro-Wiwa's son, Ken, in Auckland, New Zealand, on Thursday asking the Commonwealth to save his father.

Other Nigerian human rights groups condemned the confirmation of the death sentences and urged the West to take ac-

"The haste with which the sentences were passed shows they are determined to shed blood," said the national president of the Civil Liberties Or-

ganization, Ayo Obe. Clement Nwankwo, president of the Constitutional Rights Project, said, "The West must act quickly to prevent in Anckland for a summit meet-

the United States and Britain, have urged the Nigerian govermment not to carry out the executions.

But Brigadier-General Sam Malu, who made the announcement about the sentence, ruled out clemency.

death sentences drew a sharp reaction from other British Commonwealth countries, whose leaders were gathering ing. But the group of former

Western nations, including British territories appeared split on what to do.

Zimbabwe's prime minister, Robert Mugabe, said Nigeria the generals had thrown down a could be excluded from the gantlet that foreign governments had been unable to pick Wiwa and the other men were hanged.

But New Zealand's prime The confirmation of the minister, Jim Bolger, said expelling Nigeria was not the answer, since the Commonwealth would lose the chance of persuading Nigerian rulers to exercise clemency.

Wiwa, who is in Auckland to lobby for his father, said that by confirming the death sentences

Nigeria gained its indepen-dence from Britain in 1960. In

1993, its military rulers, led by General Sani Abacha, annulled the results of a presidential election that was supposed to have brought civilian rule back army after taking part in an to the most populous nation in

Argentine Suspect Held In Jewish Center Blast

By Gabriel Escobar Washington Post Service

BUENOS AIRES - A former army sergeant who allegedly played a direct role in last year's bombing of a Jewish community center that killed 86 people here has surrendered to authorities, raising hopes that the stalled investigation can at last be pressed to a conclusion.

The suspect, identified as Pedro Ricardo Fonseca, 35, turned himself in to the police on Monday in the southern port city of flown to the capital for questioning. According to media reports. Mr. Fonseca told investigators he had escorted the van that carried the powerful bomb that leveled the Jewish center on July 18, 1994.

The bombing, often de-scribed as one of the bloodiest peacetime attacks against a Jewish facility anywhere, shattered the seven-story brick building. It took days for work crews to locate and recover all the bodies. More than 300 people were injured.

Although Argentina and the United States have consistently blamed Islamic militants with ties to Iran for the attack, there have been strong suggestions from the outset that Argentine nationals may have been in-

The surrender of Mr. Fonseca, who apparently left the alous nation in abortive military uprising in ranks for possible conspirators. of (Reuters, AP) 1990, is certain to increase spec- Evidence that police officials are na.

ulation that Argentines played linked to the only person premore than an ancillary role in the attack and that local anti-Semites may have collaborated

with international terrorists. Argentine Jewish leaders. who are regularly apprised of tious, waiting to see what hapthe status of the police investigation, said last week that they had been informed that several policemen in Buenos Aires Province were involved in an

charged in the bombing. According to media reports Comodoro Rivadavia and was citing court sources, Mr. Fonseca was given \$100,000 to leave the country after the bombing, presumably by collaborators in the attack. He spent some time in Brazil and Chile and then returned last week to Argentina, surrendering be-cause he feared for his life.

have been implicated but not

The investigative magistrate in charge of the case declined to comment on the media reports, and some Jewish leaders reacted cautiously, citing earlier arrests that received wide publicity and ultimately led nowhere. One investigator, speaking on condition that he not be named, said Mr. Fonseca's claims were being checked "for veracity and mendacity.

The Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, one of many international Jewish oranizations that monitor the Buenos Aires investigation, has pressed Argentina from the beginning to look into its own viously detained in the case, an Argentine auto mechanic who has been jailed for more than a

year, only fuel such suspicions.
"We are being very caupens, Sergio Widder, the Wiesenthal Center's representative in Argentina, said of Mr. Fonseca's surrender. The case, he said, "is always pointing to auto-theft ring whose leaders retired police officers, active police officers, members of the security services and retired members of the security ser-

vices.' That perception is also heightened by the fact that a 1990 bomb blast that killed 29 persons at the Israeli Embassy here has still not been solved. A persistent criticism of Argentine investigators in that case is that they have not vigorously pursued leads for fear of where they may lead, a charge they

have strongly denied. President Carlos Saul Menem and other senior officials have said repeatedly that Argentina is aggressively investigating the embassy blast and have noted that terrorist attacks elsewhere in the world seldom yield suspects.

Iran has denied assertions by U.S. and Israeli officials and Jewish leaders here that Iranianbacked agents carried out the 1994 bombing. For its part, Tehran has accused Israel and "Zionist agents" of responsibility in the shooting last month ranks for possible conspirators. of its top diplomat in Argenti-

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HAVANA - In an attempt to challenge the flourishing black market for American dollars and to soak up surplus pesos that have been fueling inflation, the Cuban government, for the first time in more than 30 years, is permitting its citizens to buy and sell foreign currencies on the open market.

Until July 1993, it was illegal for Cubans even to possess dollars, much less exchange them. But since then American currency has come to play an increasingly important role in this Communist state, thanks to remittances from Cubans living abroad, the opening of ment only in hard currency and a boom in European and Canadian tourism.

operating. "The government has bowed to eco- the minister of the economy and planning. nomic reality and decided that if you can't beat

official exchange rate between the dollar and the system is experimental. "This is an attempt to peso has been one to one. But the official money exchange kiosks. run by a nominally indevice president of the National Bank of Cuba. pendent Cuban-owned company called Cadeca. "We have to see if it works, if the population are buying dollars at a rate of 25 to 1 while wants it, and if so, it will be expanded.

selling them for 30 pesos, about the same rate offered by black market money exchangers.

Consumer goods and necessities like cooking oil are still in short supply and can usually be found only in hard currency shops or on the black market, both of which demand payment in

goods has helped in recent years to feed an inflationary spiral that worries the architects of the incipient free-market sector of the Cuban economy. Government officials hope that the foreign exchange kiosks will speed up a process

At the beginning of 1994 there were 12 billion pesos in circulation, according to official October, and eight foreign exchange kiosks are nearly one quarter, said José Luis Rodríguez,

Andrew Zimbalist, an expert on the Cuban

Cuba's Bow to Reality' **Legal Currency Trading Turns a Profit**

By Larry Rohter

dollars. The sale of dollars through the exchange bureaus also appears intended to take excess amounts of Cuban pesos out of circulation. Too many pesos chasing too few consumer

special consumer good shops that accept pay- services that once were free to the population. The new policy went into effect in mid-statistics, but that figure has been reduced by

the black market, you may as well join it and try economy who teaches at Smith College, said the to siphon off some of its profits," said a foreign new exchange system could also be regarded as 'a small first step'' toward full convertibility of As set by the National Bank of Cuba, the the peso. But government officials stress that the

Tamils Forced Evacuation of Jaffna, Rights Group Says as Siege Tightens

COLOMBO — Masked Tamil guerrillas moved from house to house and threatened civilians to get them to evacuate Jaffna town in northern Sri Lan-

group said Thursday. The report, by the University Teachers for Human Rights (Jaffna), was made public as ations as costs of the war mount- civilians in Jaffna town to en-Tigers of Tamil Eelam and the army, massed at the gates of lion from \$627 million.

"We deplore the loss of life

that "masked cadres went to further civilian casualties."

houses and acted intimidating-

It said the Tigers ordered people by loudspeaker on Oct. 30 to evacuate the town, the capital of their prospective ka last month, a human-rights homeland in the north and east, saying they were fighting a "demonic force."

Britain appealed for negotispending for 1996 to \$745 mil-

On Wednesday, nine moderate Tamil groups called for an immediate cease-fire.

It put the number of the displaced at nearly half a million people, an estimate the govemment disputes.

A military source said this week that the Tigers were believed to be holding back some Britain urged the Liberation ed. Sri Lanka raised defense sure civilian casualties if and when the army strikes, thus prompting an outcry overseas.
The Sri Lankan forces are

alties and return to negotiat-ing. and destruction resulting from inching forward on the penin-ing. said Jeremy sula, clearing mines and booby The Tigers "had made it Hanley, minister of state for traps on the approaches to clear in a variety of ways that it foreign and Commonwealth af- Jaffina town. A spokesman said wanted people to quit Jaffna," fairs. He urged both sides "to Thursday troops were consolthe rights group said, adding take all possible steps to avoid idating positions taken nearly a

Turkey Pushes EU on Customs Pact

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Commission urged the Euro-capitals to lobby for ratification ratism charges. Some sentences and defend Ankara's progress were reduced on appeal last endorse a customs union with on human rights. Ankara. saying it now met Mrs. Ciller accused critics of Ankara to rush changes through Union conditions on democra- exaggerating human rights its Parliament in a bid to save the cy and human rights.

lations with Eastern Europe, of speech laws.
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toms union deal. Earlier, in Ankara, Prime cember.

Minister Tansu Ciller called on STRASBOURG — Turkey the European Parliament to ap- December when a court handed and Commissioner Hans van prove the customs union, and down heavy jail terms to eight den Broek of the European announced a tour of European pro-Kurdish deputies on sepa-

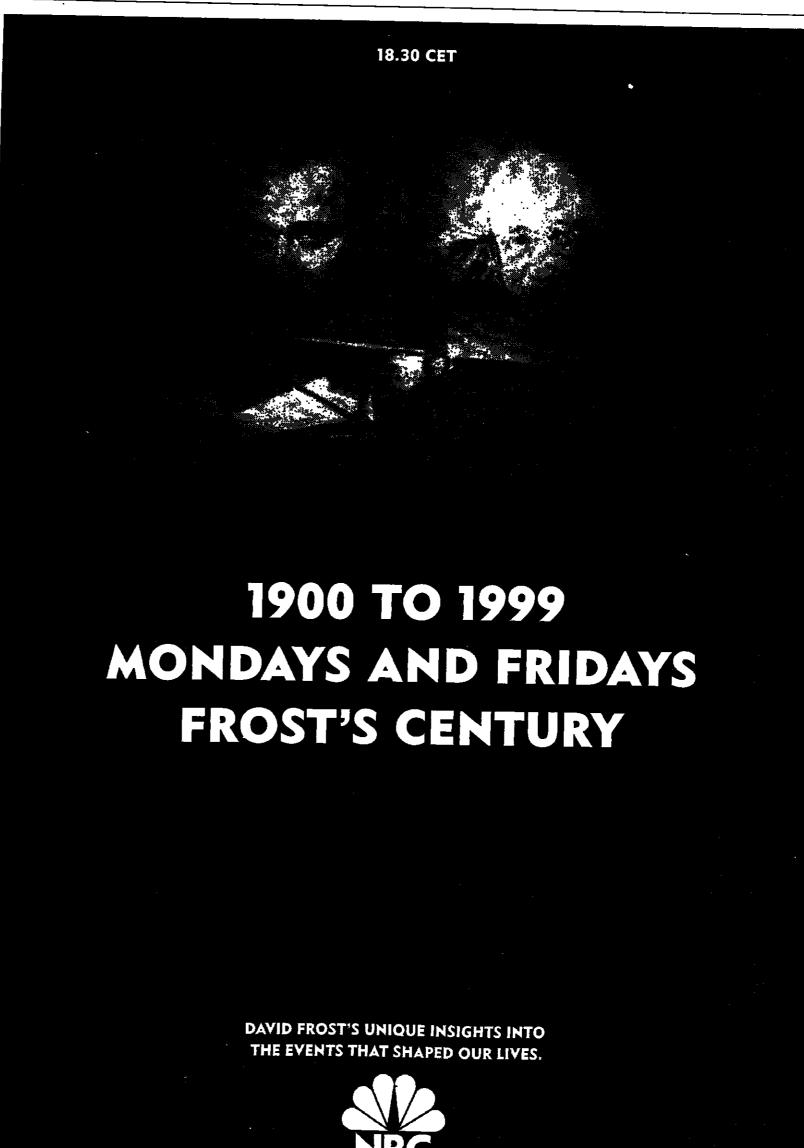
abuses in Turkey and urged Eu- customs union. Speaking at a press confer- ropean lawmakers to acknowl-

democracy in Turkey has has threatened to block the reached a point that should enable the European Parliament to improved its human rights

Turkey provoked outrage last month, but the outcry prompted

In her statement Thursday, speaking at a press could be edge Turkey's progress in lib- Mrs. Ciller said numerous Union's commissioner for re-eralizing terrorism and freedom changes had been approved, including modification of 16 ar-The European Parliament ticles of the constitution, saying "each of them alone would be a milestone.

"To suggest that we have give its approval to the cusannounce its decision in De- little in this extraordinary year





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Lessons From Powell

and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole have been feeling much better since about 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the hour when Colin Powell made official his decision not to be a candidate for the presidency. We suppose that the two party front-runners could even be forgiven a little giddiness, as could some of the others seeking the office, such as Phil Gramm and Lamar Alexander. General Powell's prospective entry into the race had threatened to upend all of their ambitions. But when the last sigh of relief has been heaved by all of the aforementioned men. they would do well to entertain a much less reassuring thought. They would do well to contemplate what it was about Colin Powell — and, no less important. what it is about themselves - that made the general's potential candidacy so magnetic and inspiring and party-transcending to so many Americans.

If they are honest with themselves they will not buy the cheap, easy answer about how the unknown and unattainable candidate is always more attractive than the candidate who is declared, and how all that would have changed the minute General Powell got into the race, etc. etc. They will acknowledge, at least to themselves, that the leaderly qualities of dignity, clarity and straightforwardness that Colin Powell projects, not to mention his rare ability to laugh at himself and his total inability to put on airs or engage in degrading gimmicks and love-me stunts, are qualities that people are desperate for in America's political life. Especially are they desperate for them in the men who are laying claim to the office of president.

General Powell may or may not be all of the wondrous things his supporters say he is, but there are a few truths of which you can be certain. He does not indulge

referential, it's-all-about-me temptation that so often disfigures the president's prose. Unlike Senator Dole, he is not given to reflexively converting so many of the issues that come before him - instantaneously and without missing a beat into mean, small-bore assault material

against whomever he is taking on that day. You cannot imagine Colin Powell, had he got into the race, spending an entire campaign, as Phil Gramm has, deciding which people to throw out of some metaphorical wagon. And you equally cannot imagine his having a résumé transplant, as former insider, now self-described outsider Lamar Alexander has, or tricking himself out in some attire like Mr. Alexander's famous red plaid lumberjack's shirt by way of explaining to the American voter why he should be president.

Not even close. General Powell said sensible things on Wednesday about the Republican Party, about the political opportunities of African-Americans, about the point where the trimming of government (of which he approves) becomes something different and destructive, especially in regard to poor children. He was easy and unflustered in discussing Alma Powell's experience with decression. Senator Dole had earlier said that General Powell would be in trouble once he started having to take the tough, nittygritty questions about things like ethanol. As the press conference wore to its end on Wednesday, we found ourselves wishing someone would ask an ethanol question, since by then we had decided that he could probably put that one away, too. Too bad he isn't a candidate; but Colin Powell, if the others would take a good look at the

tape of his presentation, could yet have a

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

positive impact on the '96 campaign.

Urgent Message to Lagos

General Sani Abacha's military dictatorship is moving quickly to execute Ken Saro-Wiwa, one of Nigeria's leading environmentalists and minority rights leaders, after convicting him on trumped up charges in a military court. Nigeria's ruling council confirmed Mr. Saro-Wiwa's sentence on Wednesday. Only outside intervention, especially by the United States and the international oil companies whose business keeps the Abacha regime afloat, can now save his life. President Bill Clinton should speak out on Mr. Saro-Wiwa's behalf without delay.

Nigeria is one of Africa's most richly endowed countries, but a succession of military dictators have looted it and left its people impoverished. Since he seized power in 1993, General Abacha's tolerance for corruption and international drug dealing and his gross abuses of human rights have made matters considerably worse.

Mr. Saro-Wiwa was targeted because he has been an effective leader of the Ogoni people who inhabit Nigeria's main oil-producing region. He mobilized campaigns to win compensation for environmental damage caused by the oil industry and pressed for a modest share of oil revenues to be diverted from the pockets of the military toward the needs of the Ogoni people. This popular movement has brought military repression to Ogoniland.

The alleged crime for which Mr. Saro-

sentenced to death, the killing of four moderate Ogoni chiefs, occurred during clashes between moderates and a militant youth faction. Mr. Saro-Wiwa was not even in the vicinity when these clashes occurred. The U.S. State Department has protested the lack of due process, and the British Foreign Office has strongly deplored both the trial and the death sentences. But more is needed, and fast.

International businesses should normally try to stay clear of domestic politics. But the direct connection of this case to the oil industry, the reliance of the Abacha regime on oil revenues and the looming threat of international sanctions make this an exception. Oil companies, especially Shell, historically the main producer in Ogoniland, as well as two Americanbased companies, Chevron and Mobil, should use their influence with Nigeria's

government in Mr. Saro-Wiwa's behalf. TransAfrica, the African-American lobbying group that led the economic boycott campaign against apartheid in South Africa, has been urging an oil embargo against the Nigerian dictatorship. That is a drastic step, but it begins to look like the only way to slow General Abacha's ruinous course. By executing Mr. Saro-Wiwa, the general would powerfully strengthen TransAfrica's case. Justice demands not only the com-

mutation of Mr. Saro-Wiwa's sentence but his immediate release. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Wiwa and other Ogoni leaders have been **After Sexual Assault**

is sexually assaulted - for a total of 700,000 victims a year. These women desperately need someone to confide in, and many would like to talk to their personal physicians, but doctors are often too clumsy or insensitive to counsel victims of violence. New guidelines just issued by the American Medical Association should help improve their skills. Sexual assault is a "silent violent epidemic" that is "traumatizing the women

Every 45 seconds in America a woman

and children of our nation," says the AMA president, Lonnie Bristow. Some 95 percent of the victims are women, most of them under age 18. The assailant is most often a lover, friend, acquain-tance or relative. Women are silent about sexual assaults because, too often, they are made to feel more like criminals than victims. Fewer than half of all sexual ssaults are reported, and many victims fail to seek help promptly.

While doctors are in a good position to identify and treat victims, they do not routinely talk to patients about violence in their lives, and patients do not routinely turn to them. The AMA's new guidelines remind doctors to be alert for physical signs of abuse and for evidence of psychological trauma, as when a woman or child panics or withdraws from the

doctor's touch during a routine exam. The guidelines, which are being distributed to health care professionals, are part of a broader AMA effort to address the physical and mental scars of abuse. The more doctors are made aware of

violence and its consequences, the more effectively they can treat or prevent it. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment Worry in Hong Kong

Hong Kong people are understandably distrustful when China's position seems to be that it will take away anything Governor Chris Patten defends as important. With 1997 just around the corner, our guess is that we would all be better off, China included, if Beijing stopped taking a negative cue from Hong Kong's last colonial governor and began demonstrating to its future citizens what they will gain from Chinese leadership. Hong Kong people are not anti-China. But, like all people who are being courted, they find bouquets more persuasive than threats. - Far Eastern Economic Review (Hong Kong).



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Peres Is Right to Pursue Security Through Peace

PARIS — Israel's new prime minister, Shimon Peres, has been derided by his own people as a visionary. But he is fully aware of the enormous extra difficulties he faces in the drive for peace without his former rival and then political partner, the

slain Yitzhak Rabin. His stunned face in the aftermath of the assassination showed it. There was shock and grief, but beyond that, in a man never accused of modesty, the kind of humble awe of unexpected responsibility expressed by President Harry Truman taking over from Franklin D. Roosevelt, according to a new book based on Truman's letters and notes. This is not to compare the men but the situation.

When I saw him in Amman and again in Jerusalem last week, Mr. Peres was euphoric. He has clear ideas of how to forge ahead, step by step although he cannily doesn't spell it out, and where he expects to arrive. He speaks of an essential triangle, Israel-Palestinians-Jordan, and he likes to use the metaphor of Benelux, three distinct cultures and countries living in fruitful symbiosis.

But his biggest problem will be Israel, and that is what he has suddenly had to realize. He has been the accelerator, Mr. Rabin the brake, as the Israeli engine for

By Flora Lewis

peace chugged steadily forward. He produced the ideas and diplomatic breakthroughs, Mr. Rabin the essential domestic support and confidence.

In the near term, Israeli horror and revulsion at the murder will reinforce his efforts to gather the divided nation behind his inquestioned determination to fulfill the promise. He will be the prime target of vitriolic fanatics now.

It should help him that the opposition offers just that - opposition and dire warnings, no real alternative.

There is too much time to go, however, too many major obstacles ahead for the solidarity of distress to carry him through. He will need help to replace the reassurance that Mr. Rabin's tough record and rugged temperament provided. It will need to come not only from stricken Israelis but also from Arab leadership and the outside world, especially American Jewry.

Syria's President Hafez Assad told U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher in Damascus last week that Mr. Rabin was too fearful of Israeli critics. Last Saturday showed Mr. Assad's underestimation of the risk and perhaps overestimation of the

powers of a democratic leader, who must should reconsider, for he, too, stands to lose if the momentum is lost.

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The reflex reaction of many moderate Arabs, who do want an accord, has been that the Israelis must move to crack down as hard on their own extremists and terrorists as they do on their unrelenting Arab enemies. There is a point in noting that Israel applies a double standard, and its police and justice need to be stricter in imposing the law. But the indulgence stems from a long war and war's inevitable assumptions in defining friend and foe.

There are no more "good terrorists," and that must be proclaimed more unequivocally and effectively than ever.

Egypt, which has been cool in recent years after having made the first peace with Israel, has come to fear Israeli economic dominance. That is self-denying. Israel, flourishing now with growth rates on the order of 7 percent, is already reaping a peace dividend from new investment and the opening of huge new markets in the once reluctant developing countries. The neighbor's new prosperity offers opportunities for Egypt, too.

President Hosni Mubarak, who went to Israel for the first time to attend Mr.

Rabin's funeral, stressed that he came to persuade as well as decide. Mr. Assad offer condolence, not to visit. A warmer relation would comfort Israelis, and thus help Mr. Peres convince them that he is on the right track. The American government has not faltered in its support, but congressional ploys on moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem and cutting off aid to the PLO are aimed only at domestic U.S. politics in the belief that American Jews essentially back Israeli hard-liners,

There is an extremist fringe in the United States as fierce as Israeli extremists. But they are not the majority, which has been intimidated by the shrill voices of those who pretend to defend Israel by opposing peace negotiations. The others must make themselves heard if they want Mr. Peres to succeed.

All of this is needed for more Israelis to take heart and see much more hope than danger in the course Mr. Rabin and Mr. Peres launched together, and to fill the vacuum of confidence left by Mr. Rabin's death. It is worth it, for all concerned.

Only Israelis will vote in their elections next year, but as usual they will be looking all around to judge the prospect of security. Peace, says Mr. Peres, is the most reliable one. He is right. A Flora Leves.

Yet Another Peace-Seeker Assassinated in the Middle East

NICOSIA — Yitzhak Rabin's murder by a Jewish extremist is the latest assassination in a long series. Each was intended to nullify peace efforts or retard history's natural progress in the

Mideast, Each contains lessons. King Hussein of Jordan, emotionally eulogizing Mr. Rabin as "my brother, my friend" at the slain Israeli leader's funeral in Jerusalem, alluded to the 1951 murder of his grandfather, King

Abdallah of Trans-Jordan. Before the eyes of Hussein, then a boy of 16, a Palestinian assassin gunned Abdallah down, The murderer, and other Palestinians, resented Abdallah's audacious meetings with Israelis to seek Israeli-Arab compromises and peace, which only his grandson would reach in the Jordan-Israel treaty of 1994.

Yitzhak Rabin, then a young officer in the fledgling Israeli army but already a tough veteran of fighting against both Arabs and the pre-1948 British mandate authorities, acted on at least part of the lessons that Hussein also learned on that day of murder at Jerusalem's Grand Mosque. First lesson: Get to know your

By John K. Cooley

your friend. You must meet him frequently, and in total secrecy. Open meetings and covenants. like today's television sound bite diplomacy, lead only to trouble and charges of treachery from opponents of compromise.

King Abdallah wasn't careful enough. He paid with his life. His grandson, and Yitzhak Rabin, then a young officer with a solid background in guerrilla warfare in Jewish causes, took in the lesson. Over the years, Hussein met Mr. Rabin and other Israelis in deepest secrecy. Together they found ways out of many a deep crisis, such as the grave threat to Hussein's life and throne from Palestinian extremists in 1970.

It was Egypt's militant nationalist President Gamal Abdel Nasser nearly became the next victim of religious extremists. Bullets fired by Egyptian mem-bers of the arch-Islamist Muslim Brotherhood nearly felled him at least twice in the early 1950s. Not only was his vision of a better Egyptian society too secular and too "socialist" for them; he was enemy. He may become your accused of too great patience with

honorable adversary; eventually the former occupying power, your friend. You must meet him Britain, as well as with Israel and

its patron, America. It turned out to be President Dwight Eisenhower who in effect rescued Nasser from his attackers in the Suez War of 1956 - Israel, Britain and France. Essentially, Eisenhower did that by becoming the only U.S president ever to warn Israel's supportive fundraisers in America that their taxfree privileges were at risk unless they supported Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and Sinai, as the Unit-

ed Nations was demanding. After that, Israel, as its founding father David Ben-Gurion told me in an interview in 1968,

had no choice but to withdraw. Before exhaustion, heart failure and diabetes finally felled Nasser after he had helped to end King Hussein's 1970 war with Yasser Arafat's PLO in Jordan, he had, through U.S. intermediaries, approached the Israelis with secret offers of compromise peace. None were accepted. His

Vestern image remained bad. Nasser was too secretive. He was surrounded by almost Soviettype security spooks who usually

dared to give him only good news, jor American adventure: the so his judgment was flawed. His image in the West was not that of the peacemaker, like his successor Anwar Sadat, but of one who had tried unsuccessfully to wage

President Sadat, the darling of Barbara Walters, Walter Cronkite and the other media greats of my generation, knew a lot more about human psycho-logy than Nasser. He saw clearly what Yitzhak Rabin seemed to need two more wars (Yom Kippur in 1973 and Lebanon in 1982) to perceive: that Israel-Palestine accord was the central condition of

real Arab-Israeli Peace. But Sadat also knew that peace would have to wait until. with American help, Egypt and Israel attained their settlement

first. He was right; they did. The Islamist gunman who felled Sadat at a military parade that was meant to celebrate that those used by Yitzhak Rabin's Jewish assassin. He was proud, he said, to have killed the "traitor" who had become an enemy of God by compromising.

Unlike Rabin, Sadat allowed himself to get involved in a ma- ternational Herald Tribune.

proxy war, using Islamist mercenaries, against the Soviets in Afghanistan. It was men whom Sadat had trained and armed to fight for the Americans in that anti-Communist crusade who turned on him and killed him just as some of the Afghan veterans and their sons and successors, after driving out the

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Russians, turned on the West. Like Rabin and Abdallah, Sadat was in fact murdered essentially because he sought and had obtained a reasonable, honorable Egyptian-Israeli peace.

Rabin's two major tasks consolidating and completing the difficult self-rule agreement with the Palestinians, and concluding lasting peace with President Hafez Assad of Syria were not accomplished. It will take all the will, wit, wisdom, courage and luck that the Middle East's and the West's remaining peace spoke in terms similar to men and women of vision can muster to complete Yitzhak Rabin's unfinished work for peace.

The writer, an ABC news correspondent and author, contributed this comment to the In-

Hypothesis: Welfare Hurts the Women by Demobilizing the Men

WASHINGTON — What's By William Raspberry wrong with American wel-

fare? Here is an answer you mestic superiority of women." haven't heard: The key problem of the welfare culture is not unemployed

women with illegitimate children. It is the women's skewed and traumatic relationships with men and boys. In a reversal of the usual pattern in civilized societies, the women have the income and the ties to government authority and support. The men are economically and socially subordinate ... This balance of power virtually prohibits marriage, which

is everywhere based on the provider role of men counterbalancing the sexual and do-

How would I feel, hearing this That comes from the conser-

vative George Gilder, writing in the June issue of the conservative American Spectator, a name and affiliation that might lead some readers to suspend thought.

You see, of course, where Mr. Gilder is headed. Men, he believes, are the key to strong families. And if they are, the more successful welfare is - even if it leads women to jobs, child care and improved earnings - the worse it will be for families, because it will "render the men still more optional, desperate, feral, and single."

Does any of this make sense?

indispensable-man argument, if I were female, especially if I were a single mother? Already there has been a stream

of books and articles (some of them written by me) arguing the negative effects of absent fathers on children and on communities, or contending that the breakdown of marriage is the leading indicator of social pathology, or otherwise calling for reclamation of men and boys as the means of rescuing society. The Million Man March only underscored the notion. Some women must be wondering what makes us think

Well, Mr. Gilder isn't quite saying we are. What he is saying is that children need their fathers. too, and so do their mothers; and that welfare almost calculatedly drives the men away, perpetuating both the worst effects of welfare and the need for it. Listen:

"The entire welfare state from Donna Shalala to Bob Dole's Senate offices - is relentlessly feminist, mandating preferences for women on construction sites, in police cruisers, in Air Force jets and in athletic scholarships. These programs necessarily concentrate their job incentives, training benefits and subsidies on women rather than on men because, in general, it is only the mothers who are on weifare. The fathers use the apartments and take the money of a series of welfare mothers, usually without joining the dole. Thus the recipients of welfare-related work will mainly be women.

"But we know from reams of studies and centuries of experience that only fathers can satisfactorily sustain families, reliably discipline teenage boys, and lift a community from poverty. The idea that welfare mothers can do it while the government raises their children is incredibly naive ... "The very idea that women

with small children should work outside the home is perverse. The welfare state has already deprived these children of fathers. The

that men are God's primary gift? workfare state proposes to take

away the mothers as well." Implicit in that analysis is the idea of woman as civilizer of naturally predatory man. How does she do it? By demanding commitment (which she needs) in exchange for sex (his priority). Welfare eliminates the economic basis for the commitment.

"Unless they are tamed by marriage and the provider role," he says, "men become enemies of civilization and revert to their primordial role as predators."

Is this blame-shifting drivel, as some surely will contend? Or has Mr. Gilder found the virus that is killing America's families and communities?

He says it too harshly and too categorically, perhaps, but I think he is on to something. The natural promiscuity of men combines with the increasing unnecessity of men (except for sex) to produce a breed frighteningly close to Mr. Gilder's description of "optional, desperate, feral and single." We have to make men necessary again. The Washington Post.

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LONDON — Remember Mario Cuomo? As the 1992 By William Safire

field formed up, he was the media darling to be the Democrat to oppose the boring Bushies. We were all hyped up, rarin' to go, as Mario chartered a plane that would whisk him to his destiny. Then he thought it over, low-

ered his sights to Albany, sawed off the limb behind all the pundits, and is now practicing law and hosting a radio talk show an honorable life, but no cigar.

This year, I was one of those who thought Colin Powell would answer history's call and enter the New Hampshire primary. Although General Powell was sensitive to criticism of his record. he was not fearful of it. In a New Yorker magazine interview, he bridled at something I had written critical of his poor Bosnia advice. When I kidded him with some glee in this space about being thin-skinned, his reaction, according to a close friend of his, was that of a grown-up: "Look, I overspoke, and Bill had a right to take a pop.'

Certainly General Powell was not chased off the field by the performance last week before the National Press Club of the Hard-Right Follies; the finger-wagging by that old abor-tion-and-school-prayer set was manna from Heaven for a moderate Republican's nomination campaign. We can believe his denial that

the deciding factor was Alma

Powell's worry, made vivid by the murder of Yitzhak Rabin,

decision of his life on his wife's

Powell Lacks the Stomach to Lead

fear of his stopping a bullet. When it came to sacrificing privacy for power — to suffering indignity for a place at history's table — General Powell had not nearly enough of that gnawing political motivator called "fire in the belly."

Lamar Alexander has that intestinal conflagration, as he cooks along while others fall our or decline to run. Phil Gramm and Pat Buchanan have it, too. as they divide the right's support. It sustains Richard Lugar, the thinking person's candidate, and Arlen Specter, the pro-choice candidate, with nobody on his side on that issue except the majority of Republican voters. And Bob Dole has the longest-burning fire in the belly of any man alive,

We in the media tend to treat FITB with disdain on the theory that only someone who does not want the top job deserves it. That belief in the icy chastity of the nonpolitician is the notion that attracted so many journalists and political sideliners to General Powell's side during his short-lived boom. His cool personality was their traditional preference; his nonideological candidacy their delight; his potential election their press pass

to Oval Office intimacy. The reason I let the bandwagon go by had nothing to do with General Powell's "sensiabout an assassin. A combat vetble centrism" and everything to the opportunity to serve. eran is not going to base the do with his long record of ex-

cessive caution. I hoped he would take the plunge, add drama to the race, win some, lose some, and then - battered but unbowed — become the running mate and learn how to become president. That slot may yet come as a gift, whether he rules it out now

or not, but his flirtation with

destiny demonstrated how the

last duchesses of the media have hearts too soon made glad. Are they now to look askance at a field of their second choices - cynical about Bill Clinton, dissatisfied with Bob Dole, gagging on Newt Gingrich, bored with all the rest, in the end forced

to cast a "clothespin vote"? Those of us who admire politicians with fire in their bellies can thank Colin Powell for teaching a needed lesson to those he left in the lurch. After he cited as his reason for withdrawal "a passion ... I do not yet have for political life," he applauded those possessing that much disdained passion: "I am proud that such people do come forward."

The pride is well placed Figures like the Cuomos and the Powells, worthy men with great potential, are, by virtue of their decision to quit the arena, among those classified by Theodore Roosevelt as "timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." The leaders who make the difference are the ones determined to hang in there, with stamina and grit, unabashedly ambitious, willing to take the abuse of the people in return for

The New York Times.

The Downfall of Daiwa Bank Points Up Dangerous Insularity of Japan's Culture

American bank regulators to evict Daiwa, a large Japanese bank, from nance has meant that the payment the United States is not just a financial or an economic story. It speaks volumes about the insularity of Japanese culture and how that culture is working against Japan in its dealings with the rest of the world and even in managing its own economy and global businesses. The American and global businesses. The American action sends a shrill, almost insulting message to the Japanese: Don't ever

pull a stunt like this again.
The stunt was not Daiwa's losses — abour \$1.1 billion — from illegal bond trading by a "rogue" executive in New York. Though hos these losses did not threaten Daiwa's solvency or cause losses for U.S. depositors. The Japanese sin was failing to report the losses and thereby violating Japan's obliga-tions to cooperate on global banking and economic matters.

The chronology here (as summa-rized by the Wall Street Journal) is damning. On July 17, Toshihide Iguchi, the rogue trader, confessed his losses to superiors in Tokyo. That is when Daiwa should have reported to Japan's Ministry of Finance, which should have instantly told U.S. officials. But Japanese regulators were not informed until Aug. 8, and they never alerted American officials. Only in late September, nearly two months after Mr. Iguchi's initial confession, did Daiwa itself tell U.S. regulators. The details of Daiwa's attempted

concealment are unimportant What's relevant is that it occurred at all and with the complicity of the Ministry of Finance. At best, the ministry participated by its silence; at worst, it may have encouraged Dai-wa. This elevated the affair into something much larger than a finan-cial scandal. And with good reason.

Financial markets (banking, the trading of securities) depend upon trust and confidence. Hundreds of billions of dollars of daily transactions occur on nothing more than a phone call or the punch of a computer key. People expect commitments to be honored, funds to be delivered. In part, trust rests on faith that government regulators will supervise the complex payments system and po-lice for fraud and financial failure. The idea is to prevent shady or insolvent operators from destroying confidence by making commitments

they can't (or won't) keep.
The growing globalization of fi-

By Robert J. Samuelson

mechanisms and psychology of trust have had to go global as well. To a remarkable extent, they have, and this helps explain why huge amounts of money flow across borders. At the end of 1994, for example, crossborder bank loans and bond issues totaled \$5.8 trillion. One reason the system works is that government regulators in major countries share information and cooperate in crises. But in the Daiwa case, the system broke down, because the Japanese ignored their obligations.

These are more than fuzzy expectations. Rather, they have been negotiated in a series of agreements dating to 1975 and done under the auspices of the Bank for International Settlements in Switzerland. The Japanese are so concerned with set-

Japanese are so concerned with set-tling things among themselves that they simply delayed telling anyone. The severity of Daiwa's punish-ment aims to prevent a repetition. It tries to restore belief in global bank-ing cooperation by indicating that aches of the rules will result in huge economic loss and embarrassment. Whether the effort will succeed is open to question, because the Japanese reaction was more than a bureaucratic blunder. It was an expression of Japanese culture, which is deeply suspicious of outsiders and is determined to minimize foreign influence on customs and institutions.

Between the 17th century and the mid-19th century, Japan virtually shut itself off from foreigners. Once the futility of continuing this became obvious, the Japanese constructed a system "that was shaped for one overriding national purpose: creating modern industry and armaments ... to keep foreigners at bay," writes James Fallows in "Looking at the Sun: The Rise of the New East Asian Economic and Political Systems."

That has been the central impulse "to keep foreigners at bay" Japan's policy ever since. The Japanese constantly struggle to rec-oncile their unavoidable dependence on the outside world (for life-sustaining imports, if nothing else) with their unshakable obsession to ban foreign influence in Japan.

The attempt has often brought Japan to grief. The persisting illusion has been that somehow Japan can engineer international engagements entirely on its own terms.

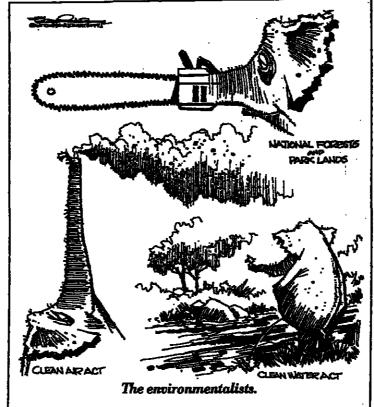
consequences

Japan's relations with its neighbors and nominal allies are full of mistrust because, in Japan's view, alliances exist for self-interest and not for mutual advantage.

The concepts of reciprocity and evenhandedness are alien. This produces one-sided dealings with foreigners that now increasingly hurt Japan itself. In the 1990s, Japan's export-driven economy has stagnated, in part because its massive trade surpluses (reflecting a host of obstacles to imports) are unsustainable. They push up the yen's exchange rate, cutting exports and the investment tied to exports.

All nations seek to preserve their autonomy in dealing with other countries. In that, Japan is not unique. What distinguishes Japan is the intensity of the effort and the fact that the strictures of its closed society permeate every aspect of public and private conduct. If Japan is often a victim of this self-absorption, its behavior also menaces others.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rabin's Assassination

As a Sabra who grew up as a Palestinian Jew under the British Mandate, I cherished our freedom and democratic principles. We had immense love for our country, the smell of the soil when driving in the country, the open doors of home, the friendly greetings between strangers, a family feeling.

Our school system gave us the bedrock of democratic life; we all joined the scouts, then the "pre-army" and then the army. All of us could not wait for the big day when we could enlist.

The murder of Yitzhak Rabin just broke my heart. It devastated me. All the above thoughts went through my mind. I could not grasp the idea of an Israeli killing another Israeli for ideological reasons. I kept wondering how the Israeli who committed this murder could have grown up, and then to my horror I discovered that he had gone through the same system I had. He even was a good soldier. Something, somewhere changed this young man, and then it all came to me — as they said in 1933, "the writing was on the wall."

After the Six Day War, and after the West Bank was taken, many Mostly of ultrareligious background, they headed straight for the biblical land, as they call it. At the time it was nice to see and feel their ideological spirit, which we all had and which contributed to the democratic spirit of Israel and the Zionist dream.

But as time went by, I began seeing these people on television — these people with their hard American accents, many of whom had never served in the army - speaking with hatred and venom, in a way I had never heard any Israeli speak. They lived in the settlements that taxpayers contributed to, with young soldiers guarding them, while they spouted all this hate, and

no one did anything to stop them. Then this week, watching a German TV station, my repulsion and disbelief turned to anger. German reporters went to Kiryat Arba. There were 6-year-old boys, all wearing yarmulkes, little angel-faced boys taking the bus through Hebron, singing and chanting: "Arabs must die, I will drink the Arab blood," and so on. My horror boiled over at the image of these little boys being

brainwashed with this hatred. Once they reach 18, Israel will find itself with many Yigal Amirs

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> Has the allegedly religious as-sassin of Yitzhak Rabin understood nothing from the Old Testament? It seems to me that one of the Ten Commandments states clearly: "Thou shalt not kill."

VIRGINIA SVANE. Pouzols, France.

War on Drugs'

Regarding "Abandon the Failed War on Drugs" (Opinion, Nov. 4): It is indeed fairly obvious that the calamities related to drugs arise more from repression than from drug use, and that police measures

will never solve the problem.

The conclusions of the Hoover Institute conference are heartening. But how are they going to be spread around? What are the efforts that might lead to a discussion of legalization at the G7 level? Surely the drug problem, with its accompanying worldwide crime and corruption, is as important as interest rates.

LOUIS BODMER. Zollikon, Switzerland.

Old 'Front Page' Urgency Is Reborn on the Internet

By Nancy Beth Jackson

Yitzhak Rabin was shot? I was asleep in my bed, an hour's flight to Hussein were in English. the west in Cairo. What I will remember is not where I was but how I learned the news.

No bold newspaper headlines shouted out the tragedy. I turned no short-wave dials searching comfort-

MEANWHILE

ing BBC beeps. Yet within bours of the Israeli prime minister's death last weekend, I could piece together what had happened and speculate on what it would mean for peace in my neighborhood.

This wasn't the first time dramatic local news - such as the attack on the novelist Naguib Mahfouz - had reached me from overseas before the news hit my doorstep, particularly since international papers arrive two days late here. But before it was by word of mouth — usually a telephone call from Stateside relatives.

This message reached me via Washington through cyberspace and was augmented by my satellite dish pulling in four Israeli channels as well as Euronews, France's TV5 and the NBC Super Channel. I became

my own wire agency.

At 2 o'clock Sunday morning, awakened by the motorbike that delivers an early edition of an Arabic newspaper to my building, I decided to log on to the Internet, which serves me as an answering machine, mailbox and research tool. Scanning for personal notes, I didn't see the subject ime "P. M. Rabin Has Died" until

after I had read two other messages. Relayed by an international computer-assisted reporting discussion group, the message was from Joe Shea, editor-in-chief of a cyber-rag called The American Reporter, whose thirst for breaking news is a throwback to "The Front Page." He listed his E-mail and Web site addresses, but I didn't bother contacting him for more information. I could explore Voice of America and CNN scripts on the Net later. I reached over and turned on another screen — the television.

The dish was already positioned to Israel because the best Englishlanguage movies in the region run there nightly. By the time I had tuned

AIRO — People already are in, all four channels were airing asking, as they did when Pres- news reports. I didn't need to unident John F. Kennedy was assas-derstand Hebrew to read the faces in sinated, where were you when the crowd. Clips of reactions from Bill Clinton, Yasser Arafat and King

I cruised through other channels. Euronews was running a minidoc-umentary on Mr. Rabin's life within just hours of his death. Turning to NBC, I was disoriented by a prerecorded Jay Leno, but by 6:30 A.M., the nightly news beamed down

Sunday is the first day of the work week here, so I stopped by the faculty lounge at the American University to hear rather than read what CNN was saying and to talk to friends — in the finest Middle Eastern tradition of coffeehouse newsgathering.

The news came through on this story, but as anybody who travels in cyberspace from a Third World access route knows, that's not always a given. Sometimes our system goes down or messages stagger through a sort of pony express relay whose horses lose a shoe en route. Some messages from the States have taken three days or more — or have never arrived at all.

But with not much traffic on our bandwidth that time of night, I easily logged on from home and the mesages zapped through without delay. Well, almost. Another message, forwarded by Mr. Shea 30 minutes before the death announcement, arrived in my electronic mailbox 30 minutes behind the one I'd already gotten. Not that it really mattered.

The delayed message, filed by a stringer in Tel Aviv just 10 minutes after the gunshots, carried a "Bulletin-Bulletin-Bulletin" to his editor and read:

"I am home and back on line with this one. Just 10 minutes ago a peaceful pro-government raily was sud-dealy plunged into chaos when three shots rang out, one or more hitting Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. He was taken to Ichilov Hospital in serious condition. I will be reporting more to you. Please stand by. I'll send the info. Please write it. This way we can get it done as fast as possible."

And just as I was thinking that the only place to find "Get me rewrite" was in the movie archives.

The writer, a professor of journalism at the American University in Cairo, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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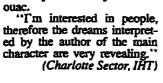
The American Ambassador's Account of The Collapse of the Soviet Union

By Jack F. Matlock Jr. 836 pages. \$35. Random House. Reviewed by John B. Dunlop

TACK Matlock served as U.S. Jambassador to the Soviet Union from early 1987 through mid-1991, completing his tour of duty just eight days before the failed August putsch, which led directly to the breakup of the Soviet Union. This stint as ambassador was the fourth career assignment to the Soviet Union for the Russian-speaking diplo-mat from North Carolina; before coming to Moscow in 1987, he had worked for three years on the National Security Council staff of the Reagan White

"Autopsy on an Empire" is political change. perpower and its swift disin- abuses of diplomacy, especially

Elizabeth Kiken, professional figure skater from Lake Placid, New York, is reading "Book of Dreams" by Jack Ker-"I'm interested in people, therefore the dreams interpret-



tegration. The centerpiece of vis-à-vis the Soviets. One is the book is a consideration of struck by Matlock's strong, and Western democracies Mikhail S. Gorbachev, Boris N. Yeltsin, George Bush, James A.

a long and frequently absorbing book that seeks, inter alia, as its and an essay in contemporary title suggests, to conduct an history. Matlock's book is also 'autopsy" on a military su- a reflection on the uses and

gatet Thatcher - were swept up in a vertiginous cyclone of

the pivotal years 1987-1991, at times vehement, animus which saw the pace of events against what he regards as the accelerate so rapidly that the alternately sluggish and merkey players in the Soviet Union curial policies of the Bush-Bakwell as the leadership of the er-Brent Scowcroft foreign policy team, whose fumblings he contrasts with the measured skill of the former secretary of Baker 3d, Helmut Kohl, Mar- state George P. Shultz and his entourage. Although a political moderate, Matlock prefers the perceived steady approach to-ward the Soviet Union of conservatives Ronald Reagan and Thatcher to what he sees as the lurching initiatives of the Bush team. An element of personal frustration may in part underlie left out of the loop by the Bush

administration.

The strongest point of "Autopsy" is its summarizing of Matlock's numerous conversations with key Soviet actors: Gorbachev, Yeltsin, Eduard A. Shevardnadze, the KGB chairman Vladimir A. Kryuchkov and others. The author makes these figures come alive and offers insights that could, at least marginally, influence the opinions of future historians.

terial from a series of interviews that he conducted during visits to Russia in 1992 and 1993. Reading the often gripping narrative of this witness to history, one realizes what an asset it was for the United States to have had as ambassador to the Soviet Union some one who was both fluent in Russian and a student of Russian history and culture.

If Matlock is a compelling eyewitness, he is, in my view, less persuasive as a contem-porary historian. His account of the August 1991 putsch, for example fails to capture the complexity or the real danger of what occurred.

For many readers the most compelling sections of the book are likely to be those that treat Gorbachev. Matlock conscientiously records every zig and zag in the Communist leader's bravura performance until he was toppled by Yeltsin in De-cember 1991. Matlock is clearly captivated by Gorbachev and confides that he has had to struggle against falling under the spell of Gorbachev's personal charm. The ambassador's final assessment, however, eschews such self-cautionings: "I am con-vinced that Russia will eventhis sentiment. As Matlock re-veals in the book, he was often bachev as the person who led it bachev as the person who led it

out of bondage."

In making such a prediction, Matlock ignores numerous paragraphs in his own book concerning Gorbachev's ominous "shift to the right" in late 1990 and early 1991.

What is incomestably true is that Gorbachev had a visceral abhorrence of large-scale blood-shed. This trait ultimately did a great service to Russia and to the republics of the former Soviet

John B. Dunlop, senior fellow while serving as ambassador. at the Hoover Institution, wrote Matlock has also included mathis for The Washington Post. INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFIED BUSINESS

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By Alan Truscott

COVER the East-West hands shown in the diagram, and consider your play in

four hearts.

East has opened one diamond, and West has made a weak jump in spades. The lead weak jump in spades. The lead hinged on an opponent's having made the right move: it is bly from a short suit, gives you dintinctly annoying to find that a chance: you take dummy's an opponent has erred, and that he held with Soviet leaders ace and throw a spade loser. As you have missed a chance by this is a match point game, and overtricks are important, you he is doing. would like to make 12 tricks. What is your plan, assuming that West has a doubleton diamond and one or two trumps?

It might appear that East-West should contest with four spades, but that could be dou-bled and defeated by three tricks. The defense would take four top winner and two ruffs, which is slightly too expensive. As it was, Joan Gordon

cashed the heart ace after dis-

carding a spade on the diamond ace. Then she played to ruff two clubs in the dummy and emerged with 12 tricks, earning nearly all the match points. The actual layout, with East

having a doubleton trump and

most of the clubs, is the only

equally good to start the ruffing immediately. After two club winners, a club ruff with the heart ten and a diamond ruff,

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South 1 ♥ 4 ♥ Pass Pass Pess West led the diamond test.

one that permits South to make 12 tricks. At first sight it seems

assuming that he knowns what

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INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE,

In South Africa,

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Liberated

By Marian Burros

New York Times Service

lunch in the beautiful countryside outside

Cape Town. After years of isolation from

the rest of the world, culinary and oth-

erwise. South Africa is beginning to serve

small restaurant in the five-star Grande

Roche Hotel, about a half-hour outside

Cape Town, the food and service are on a

par with those of the best restaurants in the

United States. The helicopter says it all.

Flying in for lunch has become so common

since the restaurant opened in 1991 that this

mode of transport gets no more notice from

lifting of the sanctions has had on food,"

said Lannice Snyman, the doyenne of

restaurant critics in the Cape Town area.

She was referring to international sanctions

applied to South Africa because of its pol-

icy of apartheid, in place until the spring of

"no chefs have been willing to have South

All that is changing as chefs in South

Africa are making the first tentative moves

from butter and cream to olive oil and to the

use of local ingredients in updated dishes.

White South Africans have also discovered

the native food of the rest of Africa as well

as their own Cape Malay cooking — 300

years of blending traditions of the Dutch,

German, French and English with Indian

The audience is changing too. Although

at the more expensive restaurants I visited, the clientele was almost exclusively white,

at the more moderate ones, the clientele

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last year. For the last 10 years, she said,

'It's fascinating to watch the impact the

the staff than the arrival of a car.

African cuisine on their CVs."

and Indonesian.

At Bosman's, for example, a charming

food that is worthy of attention.

APE TOWN — The whirling

blades of the approaching heli-

copter distracted us from the at-

tention we were lavishing on our

Cuisine

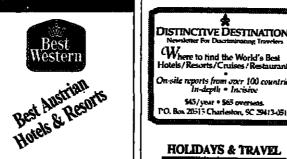
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To those who come from abroad, the creamed with bacon, was accompanied by

tender and lean medallions of springbok, you notice as you enter the tiny, simple

Cabbage appeared again on a plate of crumbled garlic mussels are good begin-

parsnips. The ravioli dough, made with curry, much like an Indian version but not

the richness of the sharp, sweet cabbage a storefront restaurant.

splendid gratinéed potatoes. Kudu was the

venison on the menu and although it was a

trifle too gamy for my taste, the accom-

panying potato gnocchi were a knockout.

case served with bacon and lentils, or pork

tenderloin with Dijon mustard and a fine

polenta and broccoli puree, the assortment

of vegetables that accompanied each entree

was not only perfectly cooked but hand-

Cape Manna

Cape Manna is one of the few restaurants

serving Cape Malay food, a spicy mix of Dutch, French, German, English, Indonesian and Indian elements. Cape Malay people were among those designated "colored" during apartheid. One of the two owners, John Caise, Type, the places the other

John Geise, runs the place; the other, Achmat Marcus, a Cape Malay, is chef.

This is hearty, some would say heavy, fare, and its heady aromas are the first thing

A platter of savory mince pies and

samosas, the fried Indian pastry, or grilled

nings. Move on to a fragrant vegetable

as spicy. The bobotie, a homely and com-

forting meat loaf with custard, is the South

offers a selection of South African wines.

African national dish. A short wine list

And then there is Malva pudding - but-

ter, eggs, sugar, flour and vinegar topped

with more butter, sugar, cream and vanilla

- all served with whipped cream or ice

meal without wine will cost \$10.

And the price is right: a three-course

In a modest neighborhood of Cape Town,

somely presented.

Whether one chooses kingklip, in this

results of South Africa's changing cuisine

are simply delicious. Pairing the food with

the fine wines of the Cape Town area is an

added pleasure because the wines are so

good and so inexpensive by American stan-

Bosman's

One of the most inventive uses of ostrich

was as a first course at Bosman's, in the

luxuriously restored Cape Dutch manor house of the Grande Roche hotel about 35

minutes outside Cape Town in the

winelands. Ostrich as carpaccio, as prosci-

utto, fried and served with red cabbage and

in a terrine, accompanied by a handful of

spicy bitter greens like tat soi. Whatever you

expect ostrich to taste like, it doesn't. A

mild, lean red meat, it takes on the flavors of

African menus, reflecting the old Afrikaans influence, accompanied very

pleasing contrast with the barely gamy flavor of the springbok.

chocolate-colored ravioli stuffed with

cocoa, provided the right hint of bitterness

to contrast with the sweetness of the

The most popular local fish is kingklip, a mild, firm white fish that is grilled and

Desserts are special, particularly the am-

phyllo with lemon mousse, and a ball of ice cream. ream cleverly packaged in almond paste.

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served here with sesame noodles.

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Private Enterprise on Safari

By Eric Taub

Achmat Marcus, part owner and chef at the

Town, with a plate of his hoenderpatei, or

Cape Manna restaurant in Cape

chicken pie.

INGITA GAME RESERVE, South Africa — The four torpid male lions lay on their sides, their swollen bellies heaving rhythmically, heavy from the just-completed ingestion of two impala. Unlike the other predators found in the Northern Transvaal - the cheetah and the leopard - the lion, at the head of the food chain, fears nothing. And so, this group slept soundly through the night, oblivious to the screeching of other animals, to the 400,000-candlepower beacon illuminating them in this secluded brush, and to the presence of four gawking tourists, perched in a completely exposed Land Rover just six feet away.

My wife Carol and I were able to watch this well-fed pride as we were among the 16 guests at Singita, a new South African private game reserve bordering Mozambique that, in its two years of existence, has become known as one of the most lux-urious and expensive in southern Africa.

as the wildlife surrounding them.

On our arrival at the lodge, our group of

Unlike the vast, popular and public 11 friends and relatives, in South Africa for Kruger National Park just a few miles a family member's 50th birthday, were pany. Some of the continent's best reserves, including Singita, are owned by this four-year-old South African company that promotes ecotourism, an attempt to balance the demands presented by guests, conservation, local employment and prof-

At Kruger, large numbers of visitors drive their own cars along approved roads, opening windows at their peril as troops of fearless baboons climb over the vehicles. But Singita, with a capacity of 16 guests (who pay about \$1,000 a night per couple) and 15,000 hectares (37,000 acres) of land, claims the lowest tourist density in the country. Here — as well as at its four sister camps in South Africa, Londolozi Game Reserve, Ngala Game Lodge, Phinda Forest Lodge and Phinda Nyala Lodge — guests ride in completely open four-wheeldrive vehicles that barrel across sparse fields and through brush, accompanied by armed guides and native game spotters, pursuing animals unfamiliar with the ways

It's a five-hour drive from Johannesburg to Singita, the last 30 kilometers along a gravel road. Most guests arrive by small chartered plane, as we did. Our bumpy 90minute flight from Durban took us over hundreds of kilometers of uninhabited bush, and ended with a landing on a dirt strip that had been hewn out of the woods. As we jumped out of the craft onto the dusty ground, we were met by Ian Derrick (since replaced by Bruce Simpson, who came from another Conservation Corp. lodge) and Simon Blackburn, in freshly



A group of zebras in Kruger national park, near the Singita Game Reserve.

calmed us; an assistant grabbed our lug- that learn to stop fearing people - through gage and put it into one Land Rover, and we artificial feeding, for instance - that are climbed into the other for the 10-minute trip to the camp.

The thatched-roof Singita Lodge is as majestic as its setting is wild. Indeed, the joy of coming to Singita is as much the beauty and serenity of the accommodations

away, Singita is one of a growing number greeted by members of the staff (they asked of private game reserves that are being built our names once, and never forgot them) throughout South Africa by Conservation and were handed drinks at the tropically Corp., an ecology-minded, for-profit com- styled bar. The main room is filled with well-stuffed furniture, animal skins, mounted heads, a roaring oversized fireplace and a library of Africana. Its absent fourth wall looks out over the Sand River and a large plain. Drinks in hand, we watched, mesmerized, as an elephant drank from the Sand River directly below the outdoor deck.

All of us rushed to grab our carneras, intent on capturing our first "sighting," not realizing that there would be hundreds more over the next two and a half days.

Rules for African wilderness living, even in these most magnificent surroundings, were simple yet essential: doors and sliding screens had to be locked at all times - not to prevent theft (there was none) but to stop baboons and monkeys from trashing the rooms. Walking alone around the premises was permitted during the day since the constant activity would scare away any animals. But at night it was forbidden to travel from the lodge to one's room without an armed guard. As a completely open reserve, there was nothing to stop curious lions or other predators from strolling across the grounds in search of

something, or someone, to eat. After a deck-side buffet lunch of paella, couscous, white wine, and an excellent rhubarb tart, we rested until our 4 P.M. tea and the start of our first drive.

We stopped a few feet from a cheetah who, despite our talking and camera clicking, took no notice. It's not that they had become used to humans. These cheetah, because of our stillness, apparently didn't see us. And if they had, though none of us pressed safari outfits. Their broad smiles were willing to confirm it, they probably and welcoming handshakes quickly would have dashed away. It's the animals

likely to attack.

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As night approached. Pedro - the spotter seated on the front of the Land Rover -swept his high-powered flashlight across the bush. We found and followed groups of zebra, impala, baboons and one slow-moving elephant that blocked the road. Hoping to catch some hyena at work, Mark, our driver, who after two years at Singita seemed to know every inch of the place, drove 15 minutes across identical-looking fields, knocking down small bushes to get to a warren he had discovered weeks earlier. We eventually found it, a large mound of dirt with numerous entrance holes built around several trees, but all the adults were out scavenging, and the young cautiously stayed deep underground.

S we prepared to drive back to camp for dinner, Ian's voice drifted through the radio. He had found lion tracks and was on his way to investigate. We quickly doubled back and soon, in the middle of a field, we saw those four exhausted males, their stomachs stretched and swollen with food, immobile after their recent meal. We circled them with the Land Rovers, whispering, shining the beacon just away from their heads so as not to disturb them. As we approached, the sound of the engine woke one, but he quickly went back to sleep, on his back with legs spread like a house cat. They would remain in this state of near-hibernation for at least 12 hours.

During our two-and-a-half-day stay, we went out into the bush four times, twice in the early morning, returning in time for a late breakfast, and twice at night.

We never did get to see a kill, the high point that each safari-goer hopes to experience, but we did come close. Our final encounter the day of our departure came just seconds after cheetahs had captured two impala. They were devouring them as we drove up, their fur soaked in their prey's blood, the sound of cracking skulls and the sight of disconnected extremities adding a morbid touch to a natural cycle of life.

Eric Taub, a free-lance writer and television executive, wrote this for The New York Times.

Perks for the Top Stratum of Fliers

By Roger Collis International Herald Tribune

HE watchword "shackle me with rewarded with fat bonuses and stock options, insurance and retirement packages along with a fancy title, reserved parking space and a corner office with signed prints. Plus use of the corporate jet and class of travel) to reach Silver, and 1,700 when the chairman's not using it for Glen-

eagles.
Airlines have devised similar diabolical schemes to reward "high yield" business travelers with "very-frequent-flier" status. The idea is that you progressively pile up perks and privileges with the more miles you fly, rising through a hierarchy of "elite" levels, depending on whether you reach silver, gold, plannum or diamond or be-

VFFs earn miles faster than ordinary run-of-the-mill frequent fliers (bonus miles sometimes double miles — every time you fly) and get more liberal upgrades, waived blackout dates or capacity controls when you come to redeem miles, waitinglist priority, preferential seating, "dedicated" reservation and help lines, extra baggage allowance, access to lounges whatever class you fly and, perhaps, most valuable of all, recognition and tender lov-

ing care when things go wrong.

Loyalty is not measured in miles alone, but in how much revenue you bring the airline. Few airlines outside North America allow you to earn miles on any published fare or allow you to use miles for upgrades. Typically, European and Asian carriers on- London. ly give miles on fully flexible fares.

is no elite program.)

British Airways has raised the stakes for chains of gold" applies to cor-porate high fliers whose loyalty is British Airways has raised the stakes for membership in its Executive Club. New status and miles for free travel. It takes 700 talking about a one-on-one relationship." "Executive Club Points" (based on trips to reach Gold.

Silver members get the run of 190 airport lounges, priority check-in and parking the flip side to Groucho Marx's "I privileges; Gold members get perks such as wouldn't want to belong to a club that

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a guaranteed seat, free travel insurance, and aid from a "special services" staff at airports. There are no upgrades, but flash your gold car and you are likely to be moved to a better class. You now get double points for traveling business class and triple points for first.

BA's program is catching flak because you cannot earn points or miles on discounted or restricted tickets. So many executives find themselves unable to reach elite levels - or find themselves relegated from Gold to Silver to Blue - or no recognition at all.

"I hear a lot of emotional talk from people about what level they have reached in the BA program, people taking extra trips to retain their Gold card. There are benefits like lounges that you just cannot buy," says Tony Clarke, managing director of International Customer Loyalty Programs in

(Lufthansa's Miles & More is a notable cause your job or travel pattern has changed. exception, allowing you to earn miles and The more sophisticated programs are startupgrade on any published fare - but there ing to recognize people who influence travel decisions as well as those who actually travel, modeling profiles through the datamembership in its Executive Club. New rules, effective Nov. 1, require you to fly on tailoring benefits/rewards and communifull-fare tickets to earn points toward elite cations to your specific needs. We're almost

> Airlines like Swissair, Lufthansa, and Cathay Pacific have been doing this for years through their VIP clubs long before frequent-flier programs were invented wouldn't want to belong to a club that would have me as a member.'

> Membership by "invitation only" was highly valued and carried a lot of prestige. The ultimate status symbol in those days was to waft into a VIP lounge with a green boarding pass stuck in your top pocket.

These days, VIP clubs are more democratic but just as valuable. Cathay Pacific's Marco Polo Club (separate from Passages, the FFP formed by Cathay, Singapore and Malaysia airlines) requires 80,000 kilometers in any class (or 25 flights in first or business) for Gold, and 250,000 (or 60 flights) for Diamond within 12 months.

Focus your mileage on one or two carriers and aim for at least the first level of VFF status, which typically requires 25,000 to 30,000 miles flown in one year. although some lines allow short-haul travelers access to elite status based on flight segments rather than miles.

Read the fine print. Miles earned on partner airlines, hotels, credit cards and car rentals may not count. Some FFPs count qualification by calendar year, others cal-"Maybe you're downgraded a tier be- culate the year from your first credit flight.

THE MOVIE GUIDE

Fair Game

Directed by Andrew Sipes. U.S.

And it's strike one against Cindy Crawford, who is glaringly miscast as a lawyer named Kate McQuean in "Fair Game," her Hollywood film debut. The lustrous supermodel may yet salvage her fledgling movie career. But it won't be by portraying characters who have to spout professional jargon. The film, based on a novel by Paula Gosling. written by Charlie Fisher and directed by Andrew Sipes, is one long explosionriddled chase. Kate is joined in her flight from a gang of ex-KGB assassins by Max Kirkpatrick (William Baldwin), a Dade County, Florida, homicide detective. Unflappable against odds that would make even James Bond think twice, Baldwin moves from action sequence to action sequence with a graceful efficiency, registering just enough amusement to suggest that this is a piece of cake. Naturally, the action pauses

long enough for Kate and Max to fall for each other. While aboard a freight train, an incipient fist fight suddenly melts into a clinch. But the actors' carefully posed embraces generate few sparks. The only heat that rises from the movie is mechanical. The pair's pursuers are technological wizards equipped with heat sensors and with decoding devices that enable them to track their prey via (Stephen Holden, NYT)

Nelly et Mr. Arnaud

Directed by Claude Sautet. France.

When Nelly (Emmanuelle Béart) meets Monsieur Amaud (Michel Serrault), the setting is a left-bank café and the table talk is about money. Nelly is married to a man who has stopped functioning (Charles Berling); Arnaud is rich, alone and much older. Arnaud offers Nelly a big check, no strings. Of course the strings - an attachment - soon show when he takes her home to type his

memoirs. Impulsively, she leaves her husband and integrates the lonely man's life; he dictates to her, and sometimes, she dictates to him. They never touch. In Sautet's elegant films, confrontations are nuanced duets; strange love creeps upon them, like night music. As in other movies the director has made over the past 35 years, friends, relations, exspouses interrupt, poke and pry, disturb their communion. This could only be Paris — the cafés are cozy, the restaurants animated — and you twitch in your seat, wondering whether the company isn't a little ingrown, and boring. Magic is made of such irritating moments, in the delicate balance between this quotidian and something beyond, surreal. Serrault's interpretation of a man who is not really sympathique is surreal in itself. Béart, whether she is taking dictation or giving it, is graceful but rather absent-minded, a perfectly good actress who never quite reaches the high notes. (Joan Dupont, IHT)



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339-7633, open daily. To April 14: "Visions of Spain: Paintings from the
Stirling Maxwell Collection." More
than 30 works from the Glasgow Museum collection of Spanish paintings. Includes works by Goya, El
Greco, Velázquez, Murillo and Claudio Coello.

Düsseldorf
Stadtmuseum, tel: (211) 899-6170, closed Mondays. To Dec. 3: "Ruth Lauterbech-Baehnisch: Photographien." 50 photographs from the 1930s to the 1950s. The artist devoted her work to documenting. voted her work to documenting painter Cart Lauterbach after their marriage in 1958.

ITALY

Teatro Cornunale, tel: (55) 211-158. Michel F. Larionov." Features paint-Verdi's "Macbeth." Directed by Paco ings, drawings and graphic works by

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the two Russian artists. They were part of a donation to France by the Russian government.

Zurich

Kunsthaus Zürich, tel: (1) 251-67-65, closed Mondays. To Feb. 25: "100 Jahre Kino: illusion-Emotion-Realitat." A survey of the multiple aspects of the seventh art, and the elements that enable film to conjure its illusions convincingly for the masses. Themes include heroes and anti-heroes, breaking taboos, vio-lence, sex and travels and docu-ments the roles of music, lighting, sets, actors and directors.

UNITED STATES

Museum of Fine Arts, tel: (713) 639-7300, closed Mondays. To Jan. 2: "Visions of Love and Life: Pre-Vasions ut Love and Line: Fre-Raphaelite Art from the Birmingham Coflection, England." 100 paintings, drawings, sculptures and stained glass panels by Pre-Raphaelite painters William Holman Hunt, Dante Gabriel Rossetti and John Everett Millais who sought to return art to the primitive forms found in the art of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

Brooklyn Museum, tel: (718) 638-5000, closed Mondays and Tues-days. To Jan. 14: "Expressionism to Neo-Expressionism: 20th-Century German Prints." Woodcuts, Intaglio

orints, and fithographs from German prints, and fithographs from German artists such as Nolde, Kirchner, Koll-witz and Baselitz. Museum of Modern Art, tel: (212) 708-9400, closed Wednesdays. To Jan. 23: "Piet Mondrian: 1872-1844"

Pittsburgh Carnegie Museum of Art, tel:(412) 622-3131, closed Mondays. To Feb. 18: "1995 Carnegie International." The museum, founded in 1898 by Setagaya Art Museum, tel: (3) 3415-8011, open daily except 2d and 4th Mondays. Continuing/To Nov. 19: "An Inside Story: African Art of Our Time." Focuses on two trends of Andrew Camegie, celebrates its Centennial with a survey of contemblack African art: works by artists professionally trained in art schools, porary art worldwide. Paintings, sculptures, film and video installa-tions by artists from 16 countries inand works spontaneously created by popular artists. The exhibition will travel to several Japanese venues. cluding Nobuyuoshi Araki (Japan), Doris Salcedo (Colombia) and Georg elitz (Germany).

CLOSING SOON

On Nov. 12: "Ilya Kabakov: Ein Mer von Stimmen." Museum für Gegenwartskunst, Basie.
On Nov. 12: "Poussin: Works on Paper, Drawings from the Collection of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II." Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. On Nov. 12: "Flemish Drawings of the 16th and 17th Centuries." The J. Paul Getty Museum, Malibu. On Nov. 13: "Landscapes from the Van Gogh Museum." Yasuda K.W. Mesdag Museum." Yasuda K.Asai

Togo Memorial Museum of Art, Tokyo. On Nov. 15: "Chefs-d'Oeuvre du XIXe Italien." Fondation Mona Bis-marck, Paris.

TRAVELERS CAN FIND THEIR WAY HOME.

Ford Fiesta Si: about \$15,000.

Engine: four-cylinder 16-valve, 1242cc, 75 bhp. Five-speed manual gearbox. Maximum speed: 170 km/h. Acceleration: 0-100 km/h in 12.0 seconds.





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New Fiesta: Small Ford With a Difference

By Gavin Green

OR a car with such a festive name, the Ford Fiesta has always been something of a dullard. It's an honest, reliable thing that gets you there cheaply and faithfully but without much finesse. What you see is what you get. What else could you possibly want from a small

These days, the answer is: quite a lot. A car as a mere transport tool is no longer enough, not when you can buy a Renault Clio or a Volkswagen Polo or a knows a thing or two about little en-Fiat Punto that also gets you there, but does it with flair. These are small cars in which the journey is as much fun as the destination (sometimes better). They look pert, drive in a lively fashion, handle and ride with élan, and have the sort of mechanical sophistication hitherto found only in bigger cars. They're big-

ger, inside, than the Fiesta too. Enter the new Fiesta. Or rather the newish Fiesta, a car with quite a lot of carryover hardware but many brand new of the basic architecture is carried over (wheelbase, positioning of the seats). There's a new family of engines too.

Ford has never been very good at engines - especially four-cylinder en- about a handling and ride metamorgines — and whenever you put this to phosis: That bone-shaking, wobbly feel with the Sierra back in '82). I say it

the Ford engineers they're at a loss to of the old Fiesta at speed is replaced by understand why.

It's not as if they haven't tried. Their most recent effort was the "Zetec" family of motors built in Bridgend, Wales, that powered everything from top Fiestas to the Scorpios. Despite an impressive spec and a new high-tech factory, it was just as bad as the other four-cylinder Ford motors — noisy, vibratory, and not all that fuel-efficient

So this time around Ford has sensibly given up and handed the job to Yamaha, which, being a motorcycle expert, gines that sing and sip rather than burble and slurp.

The new Zetec SE engine is, initially, available only as a 1.25-liter unit, so if you fancy an engine smaller or bigger in your new Fiesta you're stuck with the old vibrators. For a while, at any rate. The Zetec SE will eventually spawn a whole four-cylinder family. Next up is 🦵 a 1.4, scheduled for 1996.

The new engine is the biggest revelation about the latest Fiesta. It's probbits. The body is different, even if some ably the best engine in the small-car class, and that's the first time we've ever been able to say that about a new small

Revised suspension also brings

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a setup offering real poise. Fiestas have always been solidly

built; they're much less rattly than Renaults or Peugeots or Fiats. The new one is better than ever. They've also had very "grown-up" looking cabins, with a Mercedes-like freedom from gimmickry and good-quality plastics and fabrics. The new one doesn't disappoint. In

fact, it gives the little car a real big-car feeling doesn't extend to the back seat. Because the wheelbase stays the same which presumably saved Ford millions — rear legroom stays mean.

problem if you're always in the front. The front seats are excellent, as comfortable as those in luxury cars costing five times as much.

HE dull old looks are also gone. The new look sports Ford's oval grille theme, which we've already seen on the Scorpio and Escort (next year's facelifted Mondeo follows). Ford says it boldly breaks away from the amor- small Ford of recent memory. phous bar-of-soap look, as seen on most small European cars of the late '80s and early '90s (and a look Ford invented

looks like a fish. Why has Ford turned from the bathtub to the pond for design inspiration?

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Ford's design boss in Europe, Fritz Mayhew, was horrified when I suggested that the Fiesta looks as much like a carp as a car. At least it's distinctive.

It drives distinctively too: briskly, surefootedly and with real spirit. Like most new-breed baby cars, this one can cruise comfortably at high speed on the freeway yet behaves like a traditional feel from behind the wheel. Pity that small car once you're back in town. It's handily sized, easy to park. Optional power steering helps. Also on the option list are air-conditioning, leather upholstery, anti-lock brakes, CD stack-If you carry people regularly in the er and improved automatic transmis-rear, stick to a Polo or a Punto. No such sion — all the goodies traditionally hts to

associated with big cars.

Drive a really top-notch baby car like the new Fiesta and it is hard to see the point of buying bigger — unless you regularly fill the backseat. This Fiesta has the sophistication of a bigger car but without the fuel bills, depreciation and insurance hassles.

And although every drive isn't exactly a holiday, this Fiesta will put you in a festive mood much more than any

Gavin Green is the editor of Car magazine. Next: BMW 5-series.



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Thinking Ahead /Commentary

By Reginald Dale International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON — Despite heavy

single currency in little more than two years' time. If they succeed, the new

currency could rapidly rival the dollar and

Yet there seems to be a widespread

reluctance to consider all the implications.

Few people in the United States have yet

thought through the probable impact on

the dollar. In Europe, politicians are not always straight with their voters about

which countries are likely be among the

negative about the single currency's

chances than their European colleagues.

Americans, like the British, often un-

derestimate the determination of conti-

Of course there are doubts in Europe

too, and for good reason. A recession

could throw the whole project off course,

as could German reluctance to give up the

Deutsche mark or a failure by France to

Even if growth continues on its present

path, only one or two countries may meet

the tough economic criteria for joining

nental Europeans to press ahead.

bring its economy into line.

upset world financial markets.

Getting Ready for a Single Currency

many European analysts.

The U.S. should start

floating exchange rates in 1973.

destabilizing the dollar.

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the implications of an EU

It could cause major problems. Once countries participating in the single currency stop foreign-exchange transactions

among themselves, they will no longer need most of their dollar reserves, which

could then be dumped on the market,

Investors could also rush into assets

denominated in the new currency, push-

ing its value up too high. The complex

procedures for deciding the new currency's exchange rate could also "seriously

compromise international monetary co-

Nevertheless, a report by Dresdner Bank

Anglo-Saxon skepticism, there is a fair chance that a group of European countries treland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and will decide to go alread with plans for a perhaps Denmark. That view is shared by environment into which the currency

Air France Chief Faces Big Test Handling of Strike Is Called Critical to Airline's Future

By Max Berley Special to the IHT

PARIS - Even if the chairman of Air France, Christian Blanc, wins his standoff with striking cabin crews this week, lenge: The final installment of 5 billion the future remains cloudy for the unprofitable airline, analysts say.

Mr. Blanc's handling of this strike, they said, was likely to determine whether the airline stood any chance of becoming competitive by the time the European airline market was fully deregulated in 1997.

"The clock is ticking for Air France," said Guy Kekwick, a European airlines analyst at Lehman Brothers in London.

"More than anything, Blanc has to address productivity, which is below industry standards, and costs that are above

Air France cabin personnel launched a three-day strike Thursday to protest a plan to offer buyouts to senior personnel, who would be replaced by younger and lower-paid workers. The strike this week is the sixth strike this year to protest Mr. Blanc's restructuring plan.

The buyout offer is part of a three-year

plan drafted by Mr. Blanc to bring a 30 percent productivity gain to Air France and to bring the airline back to profit by

The French airline is expected to post a 1.5 billion franc (\$306 million) loss this year after losses of 3.3 billion francs last year and more than 8 billion francs in the preceding year.

Air France said it was able to provide 80 made on the premium market, and what level of service Friday and Saturday.

But Mr. Blanc also faces another chalfrancs of a total 20 billion francs in state aid he was granted when he took over as head of the airline in 1993 could be held up by European authorities if he is unable to implement his restructuring plan.

Analysts say Mr. Blanc desperately needs the cash to carry out his plan and that the outcome of the strike this week is likely to be of critical importance to the

decision made in Brussels.

"He cannot back down," an airline analyst in Paris said. "Not only is the funire competitiveness of Air France at stake, but his handling of the strike will determine whether he gets the additional cash he needs to finish the restructuring."

Underlining the importance he attaches to the productivity gains, Mr. Blanc wrote in a letter to the striking unions dated Nov. 6, "Your victory would be a defeat for the company's wage earners, cabin personnel included, as it would sign the airline's death warrant.'

When the European airline industry is fully deregulated, other European airlines will be able to challenge Air France and its domestic arm Air Inter, which is expected to lose 500 million francs in 1995.

'The productivity gains are critical because air fares are coming down steadily and margins are being squeezed," Mr.

percent of its flights Thursday and ex- will matter is how the airline racks up ected to be able to maintain a similar with the public." If Air France's image suffers too much from the repeated strikes, it could lose a large share of this critical market, he said.

But Mr. Kekwick said Air France retained some assets and that Mr. Blanc could still win his challenge.

"There is potential for Air France," he said. "We've got a hub that is a core city in Western Europe and not out on the periphery, and they already have the crit-ical mass needed." He added that other airlines might have trouble competing in the European market because the major airports of Europe are already overloaded and will probably not immediately be able to accept more traffic.

"In any event, the government is not simply going to walk away from the stateowned carrier," he said. But another analyst was less optimistic. She said that Mr. Blanc had already recognized that the battle for Air France was lost and that the airline could not break even by 1997.

Separately, unions representing employees of France's government-owned toll autoroutes called on members to hold a 24-hour strike Friday to protest the failure of wage talks held Oct. 20, Agence France-Presse reported.

The new strike comes just before the Armistice Day holiday weekend. Work stoppages by autoroute employees gen-erally result in free use of the strike-affected sections of the toll highways and Kekwick said. "Future gains will be thus in large revenue losses.

Mexican Peso Rebounds From A Record Low

MEXICO CITY — The peso slid to a record low Thursday but more than regained its lost ground by the end of the session as foreign investors poured into the market to hunt for bar-

The dollar settled back to close at about 7.55 pesos after surging as high as a record 8.30 pesos. It closed Wednesday at 7.75 pesos.

The bargain-hunters drove up Mexico's Bolsa by 76.62 points, or 3.43 percent, to 2,311.09. Shares had fallen almost 18 percent in the past month before the rebound

Thursday. The recent run on the currency forced the government to offer exceptionally high inter-est rates of 54.24 percent at Tuesday's weekly auction of 28-day securities in hopes of persuading investors to keep their dollars here.

The new securities rate is compelling banks to raise rates on consumer loans well into the 60 percent range, threatening a renewed slump in purchases of automobiles, houses and other durable goods.

As a result, the high rates may delay Mexico's recovery from its worst recession since 1986. The country's gross domestic product fell 10.5 percent in the second quarter and 5.8 percent in the first half and is expected to drop by between 5 percent and 6 percent for all of 1995.

Government officials had predicted the economy would rebound and post 3 percent growth next year, but with rates at current levels, that forecast is not likely to be fulfilled, an-

An indicator of the country's financial volatility, analysts said, was the reaction to a report last Friday by a Dow Jones correspondent that mentioned "ru-

mors' circulating in Mexico City that military leaders were pressuring President Ernesto Zedillo to resign.

The Associated Press-Dow Jones news service transmitted the report early Friday, and within minutes speculators began dumping pesos for dollars. The Mexican Senate unan-

imously approved a resolution calling for a federal investigation of "false reports" that had prompted the run on the peso. (Bloomberg, Reuters, WP)

Bundesbank Steps Up Pressure On State Deficits

Bloomberg Business News LONDON - The Bundesbank on Thursday stepped up pressure on European governments to cut their deficits in order to forge a common currency as solid as the Deutsche

Otmar Issing, the German central bank's chief economist, said Germany needed guaran-tees of lasting debt reduction to persuade its people to abandon the mark for a European cur-rency by its scheduled 1999 startup "Public acceptance of the fu-

ture European currency depends crucially on the confidence in the stability of that currency," Mr. Issing said.
Another Bundesbank offi-

cial, council member Franz-Christoph Zeitler of the bank's Bavarian branch, said in Brussels that Germany wanted to prevent countries from meeting the Maastricht treaty's criteria for a single currency in a "onetime fiscal feat or a phase of economic fair weather." only to lose control of deficits later on.

France Cuts Key Rate and Eases Lending

PARIS - The Bank of France on Thursday rewarded the government for putting deficit-fighting at the top of its political agenda by relaxing lending terms and cut-

ting a key interest rate. The independent central bank, which jacked up short-term lending rates in early October to defend the franc, lopped 0.25 of a percentage point off its ceiling lending rate, reducing it to 6.35 percent.

In a surprise easing of borrowing terms, it also said it would offer banks emergency funds on a five-to-10 day basis, replacing 24-hour funding put in place Oct. 6 when gested it was confident that the measures, 3.4553 francs at the close Wednesday.

AG of Germany concludes that the most start figuring out how to deal with these

likely scenario is that seven or eight coun- problems in consultations with the Eu-

tries will launch the currency on time. They ropean Union and in the Group of Seven

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Randall Henning of Washington's American University says in a study, it will mark

could be born.

ually insisting that only countries strictly

fulfilling the economic criteria be al-

"Everyone knows there will be po-litical compromises," Dresdner says. What the markets will insist on is a "sen-

sible" compromise that is not so lax as to

no reason the single currency should not be

as strong as the mark and the new Eu-

ropean central bank as austere as the Bun-

desbank, as German public opinion is in-sisting. The new bank will be especially

The other countries have already agreed to virtually every condition Germany demanded for creating the single currency. The Germans should stop com-

plaining so much. The Italians, and others

likely to be left out, should stop deluding

themselves that they will be ready on

time. And the Americans should start

paying more attention.

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lowed to join the single currency.

the franc came under assault.

The action followed President Jacques Chirac's reshuffling of his center-right government Tuesday --- after less than six months in power — aimed at forming a streamlined cabinet to wage the austerity

Analysts had forecast a rate cut but had not expected the bank to reopen the five-to-10 day window until after the government presented proposals next week to reduce France's social-security deficit, perceived as the key to reducing total debt.

The magnitude of the bank's action sug-

Juppé, would be hard-hitting, economists said. "It is a very strong message which signals that they are confident about the unfolding of the debate on social security," said Valerie Asselot, an economist at Cred-

The franc has recovered sharply since Mr. Chirac played up his commitment to fiscal orthodoxy in a televised speech two weeks ago, promising to make the assault

it Lyonnais.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TOKYO — Sony Corp. said Thursday that strong sales of audio and computer-related products helped pull it to profit in the first half of its financial year, reversing

a steep loss in the year-earlier period.
Sony's operations worldwide earned a
net 47.9 billion yen (\$464 million) in the
six months to Sept. 30, compared with a

loss of 280 billion yen a year earlier, when the company wrote off the value of its

Despite the turnaround, Sony said the results were below its expectations because of the dollar's appreciation against the

Because Sony sells more than two-thirds

of its products outside Japan, it must con-

vert revenue in different currencies back

Sales rose 11 percent, to 2.05 trillion

movie studio holdings.

on deficits his top priority. On Thursday in Paris, the Deutsche mark closed at 3.4424 francs, down from

Sony Climbs to Profit as Sales Grow said the company lost 32 billion yen in United States, and "Bad Boys" performed profit in the most recent quarter because it strongly in international markets.

nedged forward contracts at a high yen rate. The company's music division also posted strong results, getting help in the When the yen then fell against the dollar, it deprived the company of the benefits sellmost recent quarter from releases of Mariah Carey's ''Daydream'' album and Sony said sales in Japan jumped 27 percent, to 636 billion yen, in the first half, Michael Bolton's greatest hits. Sony said that during the second quarter,

unit sales of 8mm videotape recorders had increased because of the popularity of camcorders equipped with liquid crystal disfor computer-related equipment, such as plays.

compact disk read-only memory drives.
Sales in the United States edged up 2 For the year to March, Sony raised its profit forecast profit to 155 billion yen from percent, to 561.5 billion yen, while sales in 100 billion yen.

Sony said it expected sales of computerrelated equipment and video game players to remain strong worldwide in the second half of its business year.

But the company still has problems with large stockpiles of unsold goods in the United States and Europe and will have to

(AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg, AP)

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drag on profit, with sales declining nearly 7 percent in the half, to 121.5 billion yen. But impair the new currency's status from the first to join the new currency and why. currency union. into yen, making it susceptible to exchange Sony said the film division was "gaining stability." The films "Desperado" and start. Countries that are clearly not ready. The main reason Americans don't care rate movements. adjust production, Mr. Sano said. such as Italy and Spain, will have to be Sumio Sano, Sony's managing director, "The Net" had been box-office hits in the is that they do not think it is going to happen. U.S. economists are much more the biggest change in the international excluded until they are. monetary system since the adoption of If a compromise can be reached, there is

Compiled by Our Staff Fram Disposehrs

TOKYO — Softbank Corp. said Thursday it would buy Ziff-Davis Publishing Co. from Forstmann Little & Co. for \$2.1 billion, a purchase that would make the Japanese software company the largest computer magazine publisher in the world. Softbank is praying \$1.9 killion will.

With Ziff, Softbank adds PC Magazine, PC Week and other popular computing titles to its portfolio. The company, already Japan's largest publisher of magazines, has been on a buying spree in the United States

that has included Comdex, the world's

largest computer trade show, and several joint ventures. "There aren't many companies growing as fast as we are," said Masayoshi Son.

Softbank's president. Although the Ziff-Davis deal had been announced previously, Softbank only disclosed the price on Thursday.

Softbank to Buy Ziff For \$2.1 Billion

ing at the lower rate would have created.

the biggest increase by marker. The in-

crease was fueled by strong demand for its

PlayStation home video game player and

Europe rose 9 percent, to 440 billion yen.

Other sales were up 7 percent, to 410 billion

yen, mostly reflecting strong sales in Asia.

Sony's film division continued to be a

Softbank is paying \$1.8 billion while MAC Inc., its largest shareholder, will contribute \$300 million.

The world will be world with the pust doesn't seem to make mistakes," said Richard May, an analyst at West LB Securities in Tokyo.

"His positioning in the U.S. market has been very shrewd."

Softbank will pay for part of the purchase with a share issue valued at 66.2 billion yen. The remaining 118.8 billion missions, will be raised mostly through bonds. Mr. Son said he expected the company to be debt-free in five years.

Forstmann Little, the New York investbe the big winner, analysts said. current 9 million worldwide. Forstmann, which paid \$1.4 billion for (Ble

Mr. Son estimated that the acquisition Ziff, has been able to reap a \$700 million

Ziff-Davis owns four of the top nine computer publications, including the top two, PC Magazine, with a circulation of 1.1 million, and PC Week.

The purchase will also give Softbank a stake in electronic publishing through Ziff's ZD Net service. ZD Net provides computer-oriented information over major U.S. on-line services and the Internet.

Mr. Son founded Softbank in 1981 after getting a degree in economics from the University of California at Berkeley, where he also invented a multilingual pocket yen, which includes issuance fees and com-Wizard, an electronic organizer made by

Sharp Corp.

Mr. Son said he hoped to increase the number of titles Ziff-Davis handled to ment company that beat out Softbank 11 1,000 from the current 130 and increase months ago in a bidding war for Ziff, may total circulation to 50 million from the

(Bloomberg, AP)

U.K. Sells Its State Rail-Car Owners

Thursday it had sold the three rolling stock-leasing companies, known as ROSCOs, that own the state railway's 11,000 passenger trains and carriages for £1.8 billion (\$2.82 billion).

"This is Britain's largest-ever priva-tization by direct sale," said Sir George Prideaux, and backed by Nomura Secu-It rities Co. and the leasing company Bab-Young, Britain's transport minister. "It rities Co. and that has attracted substantial interest from incock & Brown. ternational institutions from all major cap-

Porterbrook Leasing Co. was sold to a Sir George said the sale would put more opment Capital for £527 million.

than £2.5 billion into state coffers, as £800 Charterbouse said staff and management LONDON — The government said million in cash accumulated by the would be able to share in as much as 20 ROSCOs was to be paid back to the gov-ernment before completion of the sale next senior debt facilities fully underwritten by

month.

Angel Train Contracts was sold for £672.5 million to a consortium led by the \$290 million for the year ended March 31, former British Rail InterCity chief, John on sales of £267 million.

Eversholt Leasing Ltd. has been sold to management with backing from a group of funds led by Candover Investments PLC for £580 million, with debt capital unital markets." The companies were sold to management buyout team backed by the derwritten by Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, bear minute consortia.

Fuji Bank Ltd., Société Générale and Royal Bank of Scotland PLC.

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GTE to Take Charge of \$4.7 Billion

for the fourth quarter and for the year, the company said.

allowing for faster introduction of new technology

STAMFORD, Connecticut (Bloomberg) — GTE Corp. said Thursday it would take a charge of \$4.7 billion in the fourth

quarter to change the way it accounted for depreciation of its plant

The charge, which amounts to \$4.83 a share, will result in a loss

The charge makes GTE the eighth major local phone company

in the United States to write down the value of its equipment,

• Intuit Inc., maker of the leading personal finance software program Quicken, will move into the mutual fund field by buying Galt Technologies Inc., a leading distributor of mutual fund

information on the Internet, in a stock deal valued at more than \$9

3DO Co. said it would abandon its long-held strategy of making

software only for its own game systems and expand into personal

computer and Internet software. The company also announced it

had narrowed its second-quarter loss to \$8.8 million from \$12.8

Georgia-Pacific Corp. agreed to buy Domtar Inc.'s gypsum wallboard business for \$350 million.

Thinking Machines Corp., a supercomputer pioneer that

sought bankruptcy protection from creditors 15 months ago, filed

a plan to reorganize as a software company. A decision on the

plan, which must be approved by U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Boston, is expected in 90 days.

AP, Bloomberg

million a year ago as revenue rose 42 percent, to \$7.1 million.

Strong Chip Demand Cheers Market Technology Shares

By John Markoff New York Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO - The semiconductor industry's leading indicator has rebounded beyond analysts' expectations. easing fears on Wall Street that the technology boom might be crumbling.

The Semiconductor Industry Association reported late Wednesday a book-tobill ratio of 1.18 in October, reversing a brief decline to a revised 1.15 in September from 1.17 in August and from July's record of 1.23.

The book-to-bill ratio compares orders with shipments: A number higher than 1 indicates growth, and a ratio of 1.18 indicates that for each \$100 of chips shipped during the month, \$118 of chips was or-

The carefully watched ratio was reported after the stock market closed, but it pleasantly surprised Wall Street, which had been unnerved Tuesday by news that Cirrus Logic Inc., a maker of customized chips,

had lost a big order from Intel Corp. ing Tuesday. Though many technology to a record-setting stock-market rally, semiconductor stocks continued to fall.

On Thursday, stocks in chipmakers rebounded sharply: Intel closed up \$3.0625 at \$69; Advanced Micro Devices Inc. closed up \$1.375 at \$22.375, and Texas Instruments Inc. jumped \$4.125, to

Charles Bouchet, an analyst at Hambrecht & Quist, a San Francisco investment house, said, "We thought that this was a one-company perturbation, and this bookto-bill number vindicates us.

The one company appears to be Intel's client, Packard Bell Electronics Inc., the fourth-largest U.S. maker of personal computers. Packard Bell rushed to prominence last autumn after it picked up a decisive edge over other computer makers by slashing prices on its home computers.

Now, with PC makers such as Compaq

issues rebounded Wednesday, adding fuel be in danger of giving up some market share. This means that there is unlikely to be a slackening in demand for chips for the personal-computer industry.

Analysts said the stock market had overreacted to the Cirrus Logic news, but they also said they were impressed by the breadth of the strength in the semiconductor industry that the latest month's book-to-bill number represents.

The Semiconductor Industry Association forecast that the North American market would grow 40.2 percent, to \$47.1 billion, by the end of the year. Moreover, the group's forecast indicates that seasonally adjusted bookings for chips had surged 55.7 percent, to \$4.90 billion, from October 1994 bookings of \$3.15 billion.

Analysts said chip demand was being driven by such diverse products as autos and consumer electronics, as well as by com-

ad lost a big order from Intel Corp. That news sent technology stocks reeling Tuesday. Though many technology stocks reelsharpening their emphasis on lower-priced products, it appears that Packard Bell may sues rebounded Wednesday adding find. Computer Corp. and AST Research Inc. sharpening their emphasis on lower-priced products, it appears that Packard Bell may sues rebounded Wednesday adding find.

Campiled by Our Suff From Disputcher NEW YORK — Stocks rose to another record Thursday as technology and financial shares rallied on optimism the com-

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panies would post robust prof-Technology and financial companies "have had the most consistently good earnings. said Mark Cremonie, money

manager at Merchants Capital U.S. STOCKS

Management Inc. And there are signs that earnings, earnings is what they are going to keep

erage closed 11.56 points higher, at 4,864.23. Advancing issues outpaced decliners by an 11-to-10 ratio on

the New York Stock Exchange. The technology-laden Nas-daq index was higher, fueled by a report showing orders for semiconductors had risen more than expected in October and dicator of the labor market because it had exceeded shipments. The report convinced many investors that chip company earn-

> meet expectations. The Semiconductor Industry Association's book-to-bill report was released after the market closed Wednesday.

> "The semiconductor report shows that the technology revolution is continuing," said Vincent Farrell, a money manager at Spears Benzak Salomon & Farrell.

> Intel rose 2 3/16, to 68 ¾. Cirrus Logic rose 11/4, to 27%. Microsoft rose 3 1/8, to 981/s. Applied Materials rose 4 1/8, to 51%.

Micron Technology rose 3, to 65, Motorola rose 21/8, to 67%. National Semiconductor rose 1%, to 23%.

IBM rose 3/8, to 98 1/8. The chip group trailed the market the past two days. Investors grew concerned that orders were slowing after Cirrus Logic said this week that one of its customers had canceled orders for the company's graphics

and audio chips.

The industry report showed the news about Cirrus did not portend an industrywide problem, said analyst Jack Geraphty of CS First Boston.

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'It's not as if the world is ending — it's one guy having trouble," he said.

Financial stocks were among the biggest gainers as the prospect of lower interest rates brightened the outlook on their profit growth. Typically, banks delay lowering consumer borrowing rates when the Federal Reserve Board cuts rates and

thus reap larger profits.

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond fell 13/32, to 107 The Dow Jones industrial av-31/32, for a yield of 6.28 percent. up from 6.25 percent Wednesday.

Climbers included MBNA. which gained 1/8, to 39; Citicorp rose ¼, to 69%, BankAmerica rose 13s, to 613s, and Merrill Lynch gained 2%, to 60%.

Among other issues, Amgen rose after the biotechnology company was again rated a "strong buy" by Salomon Brothers.

Kmart, the most active issue, fell 3/s, to 71/s, after Standard & ings will expand enough to Poor's Corp. said Tuesday that it might downgrade its debt because of concerns about \$681 million in real-estate debt.

Gap Stores rose 31/4, to 471/2. The clothing retailer's thirdquarter net earnings rose to 81 cents a share from 64 cents a year earlier.

News Corp. fell ¼, to 18%. Salomon Brothers and Mer-

rill Lynch downgraded the stock after the Australian media company Wednesday posted first-quarter net income of 30 cents per American depositary receipt, compared with 29 cents a year earlier.

Teléfonos de American depositary receipts rose 1/s, to 27 1/8.

The Mexican telephone monopoly said it would expand its current stock buyback program by 1 billion shares, nearly doubling the number of shares that may be repurchased.

(Bloomberg, AP, Reuters)

Lower Fuel Costs Pull Down U.S. Prices

WASHINGTON — U.S. wholesale prices fell in October, the government said Thursday, as food prices were steady, gasoline prices slid and heating oil prices took

their steepest plunge in almost four years. The Labor Department said its producer price index fell 0.1 percent last month after a 0.3 percent increase in September. It was the third drop in five months and provided fresh evidence that inflation was remaining in check in the final months of 1995.

After factoring out food and energy

month, the index was steady in October level since July 15. The four-week moving

after rising 0.2 percent in September. Prices of a variety of goods fell, including tobacco, fish and poultry. Vegetable prices smooths out week-to-week fluctuations showed the largest drop since January. Prices of so-called intermediate goods, which require further processing, posted their largest drop in nearly two years.

slower pace. Car prices also increased.

Separately, the Labor Department said costs, which can fluctuate widely month to 9,000 last week, to 375,000, the highest

rose to 364,500 in the week ended Saturday, to the highest four-week average since July 29. Analysts said the reports should give the Prices of raw materials rose but at a Federal Reserve Board leeway to cut in-

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terest rates another notch to shore up economic growth, after its quarter-point cut in the number of first-time applicants filing short-term rates in July. The Fed's policyfor state unemployment insurance rose making Open Market Committee will meet

Dollar Plunges on Budget Deadlock

NEW YORK — The dollar fell Thursday as concerns grew that the United States might default on its debt, dulling demand for dollar-denominated securities.

The dollar began to fall when the White House said a default was "increasingly likely," and its decline accelerated as the debate on the budget negotiations intensified. Comments from Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin, who said President Bill Clinton would veto the House of Representatives' proposed debt-ceiling bill, exacerbated the dollar's fall.

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francs. The pound slipped to \$1.5790 from \$1.5798.

The apparent hopelessness of the budget negotiations was especially damaging because financial markets previously viewed the chances of a default as remote.

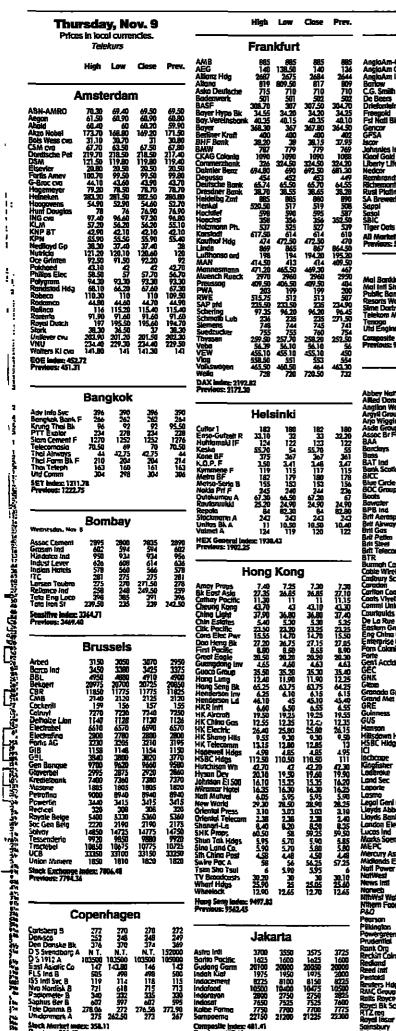
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Japanese exporters also were heavy sellers of the dollar, dragging the U.S. currency lower against the yen, dealers said. Japanese investors also were awaiting the outcome of the budget negotiations before moving into U.S. securities.

"The Japanese definitely are postponing plans to invest overseas," said Belal Khan, chief customer currency trader at Bank of Tokyo in New York.

(Bloomberg, AFX, Knight-Ridder)

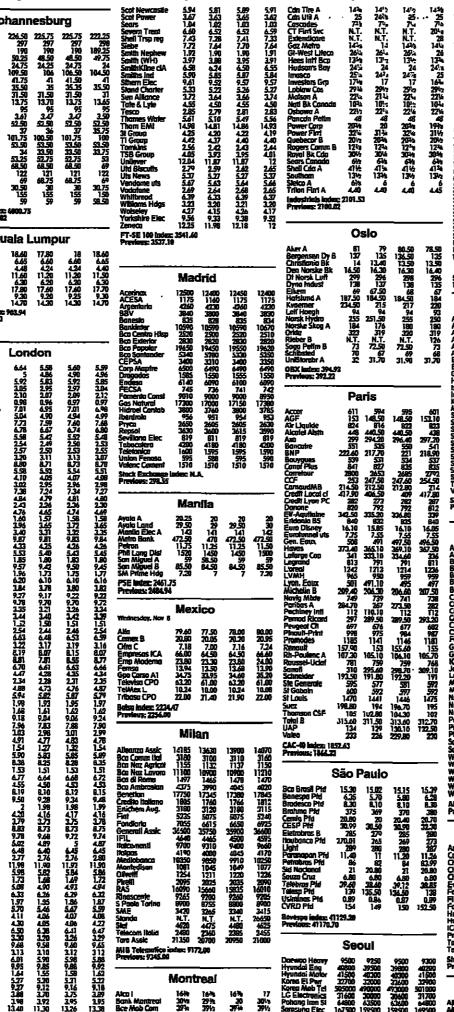
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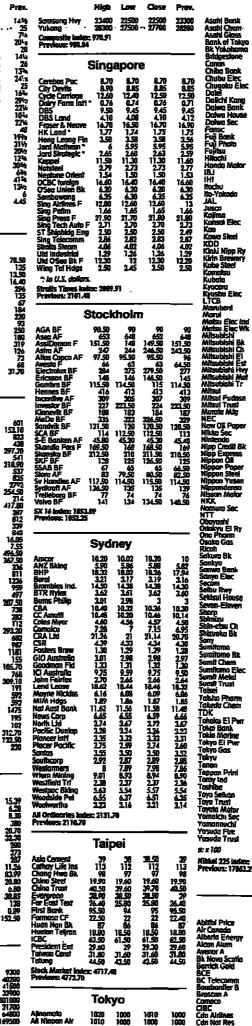


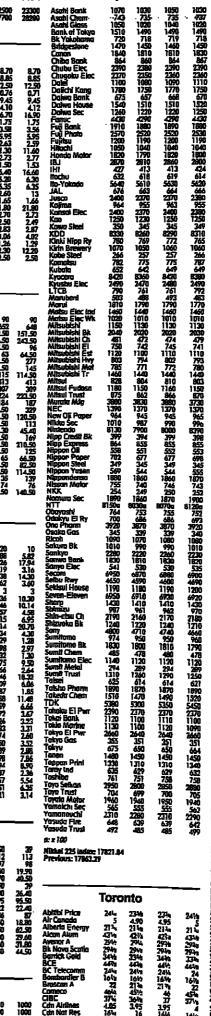
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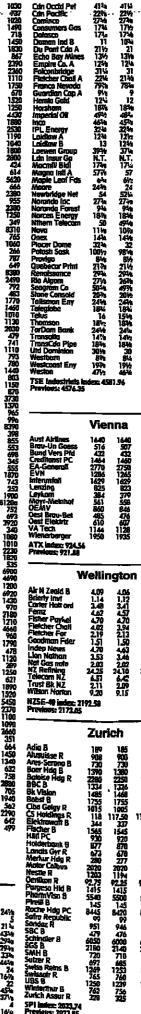
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Porsche Returns To Profit, Ending 3 Years of Losses

STUTTGART - Porsche AG said Thursday it had edged back into the black for the first time in three years, posting a net profit of 2.1 million Deutsche Chairman Wendeln Wiedeking. marks (\$1.4 million) for the year ended July 31.

The sports-car maker, which had a loss of 150 million DM a U.S. sports car market in the year earlier, said sales rose 11.6 late 1980s. percent, to 2.6 billion DM.

Electrolux Profit E Advances 4%

STOCKHOLM - Electrolux AB said Thursday its third-quarter pretax profit rose 4 percent, as a reduction in capital because of unsold inventory offset higher material costs.

Income after financial items to 677 million kronor (\$101.8 million) from 650 million kronor a year earlier. Sales grew 5 percent, to 28.2 billion kronor.

household-appliance maker said the reduction in inventory stocks had freed cash, enabling it to take out less shortterm debt and to narrow its loss in its financial operations.

Nine-month earnings rose 21 percent from a year earlier, to 2.78 million kronor, on sales of 88.8 billion kronor.

Electrolux B shares closed 2.50 kronor higher in Stockholm, at 279.50.

(Bloomberg, Reuters) model.

The figures were the latest evidence that Porsche, once a symbol of German dominance in luxury sports cars, was on the road to financial recovery under

The company stood on the brink of collapse early in the

Despite the better results. however, the company said it would not pay a dividend on its common or preference shares for

the third year running.
Analysts said that Porsche had suffered because the socalled yuppie lifestyle image it represented in the 1980s had fallen from favor and because its cars had been criticized for

not providing good value.

Mr. Wiedeking, who was brought in as chairman to rescue the carmarker, has said the company will have a small profit again in the current year and greater profit next year.

Edmund Chew, an analyst at Auto Business Ltd. in London, said Porsche was among the first of Germany's carmakers to slash costs and that this was making its cars competitive again.

They have gone a long way toward getting costs down," he said. "I bet they will succeed." Porsche has also benefited from a growing market for lux-

ury sports cars and the troubles of its Japanese competitors. The company's recovery has been largely based on the success of its new 911 Carrera

BT's Earnings Edge Up **But Price Regulations Hold Back Gain**

LONDON - British Telecommunications PLC said Thursday its pretax profit rose in its

second quarter but that gains were clipped by price regulation, competition and a slowing British Telecom earned £732 million (\$1.2

billion) in the quarter, up from £712 million in the year-earlier period, as revenue rose to £3.55 billion from £3.47 billion.

But operating profit fell to £798 million from £831 million, largely because of a round of forced price reductions made in June. Those cuts, which cost the company a total

of £310 million, are in line with regulations calling for the company to reduce phone "Our progress is being inhibited by the

harsh regulatory regime in the U.K.," Sir Iain Vallance, the company's chairman, said. Despite increased call volume, British Telecom's domestic call revenue fell 5 percent in the six-month period, while revenue from in-

ternational calls rose 2 percent.

Oftel, the British telecommunications industry regulator, has said it will not lift its restrictions on phone bills until at least 1997, depending on how competition develops in Britain's liberalized telecom market.

There was some evidence that competition was emerging. BT said the number of its phone lines in homes fell by 0.2 percent in the six months to September, the first-ever decline in residential customers.

BT said that drop reflected increasing competition from Mercury Communications, a unit of Cable & Wireless PLC, and from cable television companies offering telephone ser-

BT said profit also was cut by a one-time charge of £73 million related to a restructuring by the U.S. carrier MCI Communications Corp., in which it holds a 20 percent stake. The company also took a charge of £101 million for job cuts, compared with a charge of

£97 million a year earlier. BT said 2,600 jobs had been cut in the halfyear, reducing the work force to 134,900. The company expects to shed a total of 8,000 jobs

in the current financial year and 7,000 in the Despite the cutbacks and pricing regula-tions. Sir Iain said the company was well positioned for the future because it was de-

veloping new services and winning contracts with major customers. British Telecom's shares closed at 371

German Parties Reach Telecom Pact

BONN — The government and opposition said Thursday they had agreed on the shape of the future market for telecommunications and would jointly propose a reform bill to be passed by Parliament by the summer.

The opposition Social Democratic Party abandoned its call for future rivals of the stateowned telephone monopoly Deutsche Telekom AG to provide comprehensive nationwide service.

In turn, the governing coalition, led by the Christian Democratic Union, agreed that na-

universal service after a certain period. The time frame is to be settled during the bill's passage. Under EU regulations, member countries must fully open their telecommunications sectors to competition by Jan. 1, 1998. The government has pledged to allow

Deutsche Telekom's future rivals to set up alternative networks from July 1 so they can be fully operational by 1998. Party leaders did not agree on who would

gulate telecommunications The Social Democrats and the Christian

Democrats want a new, independent authority tionwide carriers that were given preference in to oversee the market, but the junior coalition the allocation of scarce radio frequencies in member, the Free Democratic Party, wants the heavily populated areas would have to offer a Federal Cartel Office to take over the job.

BASF Sees Slowdown **After Surge** In Quarter

LUDWIGSHAFEN, Germany - BASF AG said Thursday its third-quarter pretax profit more than doubled but warned that such growth was unlikely to continue into the fourth quarter.

Pretax profit rose 103.6 percent, to 1.07 billion Deutsche marks (\$752.5 million), from a year earlier, as higher prices and volume in the quarter managed to broadly offset the effects of the strong Deutsche

Third-quarter sales rose 3.5 percent, to 11.06 billion DM. In the first nine months, pretax profit rose 156 percent, to 3.1 billion DM, while sales grew 8.5 percent, to 35.12 billion DM.

Bayer shares rose 2.80 DM, to close at 307.50.
"The initial powerful up-surge has calmed," said Jürgen

Strube, echoing comments made by Hoechst AG and Bayer AG this week, "Worldwide competition is eating into profit margins.

But he said prices had been under pressure since June and that 1995 results would not reach the record levels of 1988 and 1989, when profit was 3.73 billion DM and 4.38 billion DM, respectively. Still, he said BASF would have "further steady progress at a high level."

Hoechst and Bayer also said their days of rapid growth were winding down, though none said growth would stop.

Mr. Strube forecast that BASF's full-year sales would reach 46 billion DM, up from 43.7 billion DM in 1994 (Bloomberg, Reuters)

■ VEBA Profit Surges

The utility company VEBA AG said net profit surged 45 percent to 980 million DM in the first nine months of 1995, Reuters reported from Bonn. It said the rise was mainly due to better results in the chemicals

VEBA forecast a clear rise in profit for 1995, similar to the gain of 41 percent it posted for



Very briefly:

· Adidas AG is increasing the number of shares in its initial public offering, citing investor demand, meaning existing shareholders' stake could fall to 30.8 percent from the 49.9 percent originally foreseen by the athletic shoe and clothing maker.

 Alcatel Alsthom and Mitsubishi Electric Corp. made a preliminary agreement to cooperate in semiconductors, communications equipment and factory automation.

 Europe Online will launch an on-line information service in English, French and German on Dec. 15.

British Aerospace PLC is close to signing an agreement to sell 10 short-haul passenger jets valued at \$250 million to Saudia, the national carrier of Saudi Arabia.

• Willis Corroon Group PLC's nine-month pretax profit rose to £75.3 million (\$119 million) from £54.4 million a year earlier, helped by a cost-cutting program that included eliminating more Ladbroke Group PLC's 1995 profit will be lower because of

competition from Britain's national lottery. The company earned £129 million (\$203.9 million) last year before a one-time charge of £358.3 million.

Lonrho Strikes a Gold Deal

LONDON — Lonrho PLC said Thursday it had agreed with Uzbekistan's state comminee for geology, the Navoi Mining and Metallurgical Combinat, and with International Finance Corp. to develop the Amantaytau goldfield mines.

The metals and hotel company said it would manage said.

Amantaytau as well as taking an equity stake in the project. Lonrho said a feasibility study showed reserves of 60 million tonnes of ore, at a grade of about three grams a tonne. Gold output from Amantay-

tau is expected to start at about 300,000 ounces a year, peaking at about 450,000 in the fifth year of production, Lonrho said. (Knight-Ridder, AFX)

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A Resignation at GEC Raises Succession Questions Electric and Siemens AG of its handling of the succession. board members and name a pany's efforts to lobby the board

LONDON - General Electric Co. announced the resignation of a key director Thursday, reawakening worries that the British company is struggling with the succession to its man-

aging director, Lord Weinstock. The company said Richard

Germany, had stepped down from his job at GPT as well as quitting the board.

The news seemed to dash any have had of a promotion in the coming reshuffle. Analysts said Mr. Reynolds's dramatic exit Reynolds, chairman of GPT had been sparked by his public board. Ltd., a telecommunications disagreement this year with the

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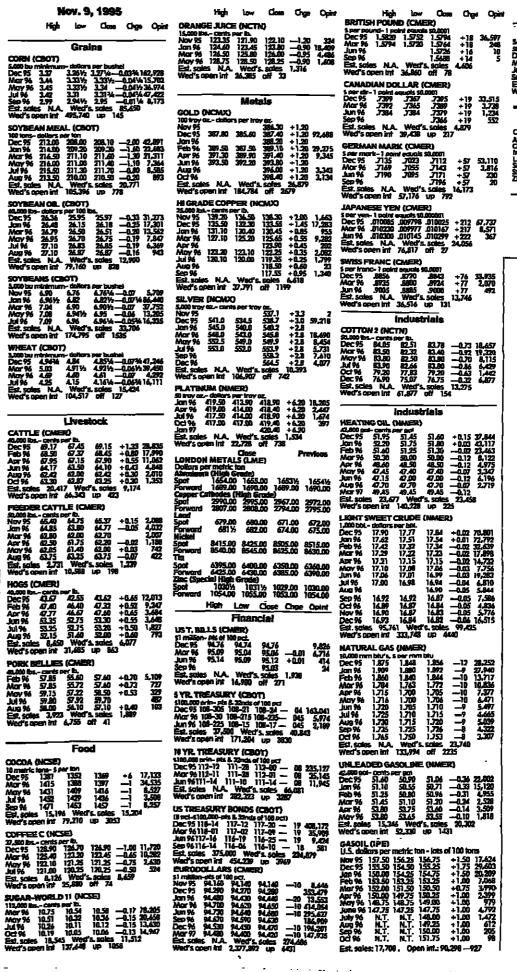
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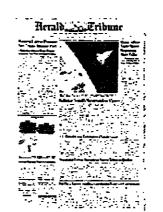
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Mitsubishi Estate Says Profit Hit A 19-Year Low

TOKYO — Mitsubishi Estate Co., one of Japan's oldest Estate's Japanese office buildand largest real estate companies, said Thursday its first-half profit tumbled to its lowest level in 19 years amid continued sluggishness in the nation's property market.

Mitsubishi Estate, perhaps best known overseas for its illfated investment in New York's Rockefeller Center, said current, or pretax, profit fell to 6.77 billion yen (\$66 million) in the six months ended Sept. 30 from 29.64 billion yen a year earlier.

It was the fifth year of falling profit for Mitsubishi Estate and the lowest half-year profit since 1976. Revenue fell to 176.67 billion yen from 229.49 billion yen a year earlier.

Until the economy turns around, commercial property prices won't recover." Muneo Tanaka, executive vice

Bank Data From Japan Draw Fire

er countries are in large part re-sponsible for distrust of Japan's financial sector, Brian Quinn, executive director of the Bank of

England, said Thursday.
"We saw that Japan's accounting and reporting practices were different from those has been done to close the gap, "he said.
"This is responsible, in large

part, for distrust of the Japanese financial sector and for the 🤏 'Japan premium.'

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Vacancy rates at Mitsubishi ings have started to recover but remain high. The company's office properties were 12.54 percent vacant in the half year, compared with 13.3 percent a year

Revenue at the company's property sales division fell to 21.3 billion yen from 82.7 billion yen, while sales at the property and building rental division dropped to 123.6 billion yen from 127.8 billion yen.

The company said it had cut operating expenses to 147.8 billion yen from 175.4 billion yen, not enough to offset the large

Mitsubishi Estate said it would continue to suffer from the prolonged deterioration of the property market, with a high level of debt also undermining profitability.

"We do not expect any significant recovery in the property market for the next two or three years, as the property market usually lags actual economic activity." Mr. Tanaka said.

Mitsubishi Estate agreed in October to sell its interest in two Tokyo office towers — the Marubeni Building and the Aoyama Building.

The sale of the Marubeni TOKYO — Differences be-tween the reporting practices of Japanese banks and those of oth-subishi Estate will not book that profit until the year ending in March 1997, the company said. Mitsubishi Estate paid \$1.4

billion for an 80 percent state in the landmark Rockefeller Center complex in Manhattan at the end of the 1980s.

The investment was made Oof other countries, and little just before real estate prices began tumbling in the United States. The partnership controlled by Mitsubishi failed to meet its mortgage payments as rents fell. It placed the famous New York property under bankruptcy-law protection in extra cost that Japanese banks May after losing about \$600

The loss on that investment Mr. Quinn said it should now did not affect the company's

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Canada's Beef: Salmon Ottawa Sees Protectionism by Canberra

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

GUNPOWDER, Australia - Tim Fountain is proud of the salmon he farms in large pens that float in pristine seawater just off the rocky shoreline of Tasmania.

Many of the fish are exported by air to Japan. where they sell for a premium of as much as 20 percent over other imported fresh salmon because they are known to be free of disease. chemicals and additives.

But Mr. Fountain and other salmon farmers in Australia are worried that a test case being brought by Canada to the World Trade Organization in Geneva on Nov. 23 may wipe out this environmental competitive advantage.

They are also concerned that imported disease could devastate an industry that grew from nothing a decade ago to 100 million Australian dollars (\$75.1 million) in the year to June, when Australian salmon production reached 6,000 tons.

The total value of Australian salmon exports, mainly to Japan and other parts of East Asia, was about 40 million dollars.

In the first such challenge before the WTO, Canada is arguing that an Australian ban on fresh salmon imports violates an international agreement on sanitary measures that was part of the global trade accord reached under the Uruguay Round in 1994.

The Australian ban was first imposed in 1975. It is based on a quarantine regulation intended to prevent the entry of imported diseases into fish stock in Australia.

Canada, a major salmon exporter along with Norway, Chile, Scotland, Sweden, Denmark, New Zealand and Australia, insists that the ban is a disguised form of protectionism.

"The Australian salmon import prohibition real irritant in the bilateral relationship," said and nearly half of them came from Canada.

John F. Donaghy, a counselor at the Canadian High Commission in Canberra.

It has long been the contention of our scientists that the ban is not justified on scientific grounds."

The issue is expected to be raised by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien of Canada when he meets his Australian counterpart, Paul Keating, in Canberra on Wednesday.

In a recent draft report, the Australian gov-ernment's quarantine-inspection service concluded that the risk of disease from any Canadian salmon imports would be negligible. An interagency government body is now studying the question and is due to report by

the end of year. If Australia and Canada cannot agree in the consultations before the WTO that will start this month, the matter is likely to be decided by

arbitration, probably in 1996. Mr. Fountain, technical officer for Aquatas Tasmania Australia Pty., one of the country's largest salmon farmers, said the Australian salmon industry had been successful because produced top-quality fish that are free of sease and chemicals.

In documents recently filed with the government in Canberra, the Tasmanian Salmonid Growers Association Ltd. said the quarantine service's findings on the low risk posed by imported salmon were seriously flawed.

It said there was a real risk of any of 23 diseases that exist in imported salmon spreading to the local industry.

"This is not a protection or a trade issue," said Tony Smithies, the association's executive officer. "It's a disease issue."

He said Australia allowed imports of salmon products that had been heat-treated by canning or smoking, because that reduced the risk of disease. Such imports were valued at more has been a long-standing problem for us and a than 52 million dollars in the last fiscal year,

Unemployment Rises in Australia

SYDNEY - The jobless rate rose to a seven-month high and employment unexpectedly fell for a second consecutive month in October, the Bureau of Statistics said Thursday, supporting the belief that economic tralia, said he expected rates would be cut by

8.22 million. The unemployment rate rose to 8.7 rate cut of 50 basis points," he said.

percent from 8.5 percent in September. Bonds rallied on speculation that the slow-

down might open the way for a reduction in interest rates soon, traders and analysts said. John Short, chief economist at HSBC Aus-

growth is slowing. Christmas. The jobs report "significantly in-Employment fell last month by 33,700, to creases the probability of a domestic interest

Delay Hits Nintendo Stock Price

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — Shares in Nintendo Co. fell 4.6 percent Thursday on reports the company would not introduce its next-generation video-game player until early 1996, missing the lucrative Christmas season.

The daily Nihon Keizai Shimbun said the company would not release its Ultra 64 game player until the spring. when more software would be available for the machine.

Stock in Nintendo dropped 390 yen, to 8,000 (\$77.52). A company spokesman declined to comment on the report.

Missing the year-end sales season could be a serious blow to Nintendo as it deals with challenges from its main competitors, Sega Enterprises Ltd. and Sony Corp. Sega and Sony introduced

game machines more than a year ago that offered greater speed and color than Ninten do's current machines.

Separately, spokesmen for Sony and Victor Co. of Japan said their companies were in talks with Sega, Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. and Yamaha Corp. on developing a computer network using videogame terminals.

The spokesmen, who would not provide details of the talks, were responding to a report in the Nihon Keizai Shimbun that said the network would combine security features available in conventional PC networks with the openness of the Internet.

In another development that could hurt makers of game players, NEC Corp. and Nameo Corp. are to team to up to market a powerful semiconductor package they say will make games as fast and vivid on PCs as they are on dedicated players.

The two companies said the chip bundle would be sold to PC makers starting in May.

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Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. will cut its work force by as much as 10 percent amid rising costs and increased competition. The company has about 20,000 workers.

• Taisho Pharmaceutical Co.'s sales of energy drinks during a hot summer helped half-year pretax profit rise 13 percent, to 33.81 billion yen (\$327.6 million); sales increased 5 percent, to 115.85

Texas Instruments (Philippines) Inc. is to spend as much as \$120 million over the next two years for expansion.

 Matsushita Electric Works Ltd. is considering building a S60 million television factory in Gdansk, Poland, the city's president said, adding that the plant would employ about 100 people. • Overseas Chinese Bank is to be examined by Taipei regulators

after allegations of illegal lending and unusual changes implemented by its new chairman. Royal Dutch/Shell Group signed an agreement with China National Offshore Oil Corp. that gives Shell exclusive rights to

negotiate oil contracts in an area of the South China Sea. Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. aims to save as much as 200 million Hong Kong dollars (\$25.9 million) a year by setting up a

company to recruit crew members abroad for its freight flights. Bank of Western Australia's net profit for the year ended Sept.

30 rose 20 percent, to 99.2 million Australian dollars (\$74.5 million); the state-owned bank is to be taken over by Bank of (Bloomberg, Reuters) Scotland Nov. 30. AFP. Bloomberg, Reuters

China, Missing the 'Soft Landing,' Will Step Up Inflation Battle in '96

top economic policymaker, said Thursday that China would

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in the Chinese-language newspaper Wen Wei Po.

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last two months on expectations Mr. Zhu said the government that companies would record dismal earnings this year.

Meanwhile, Shanghai B' shares extended a weeklong slide, partly on concern that the government would not soon re-

The Shanghai B share index, which tracks the 36 Chinese stocks that can be owned by foreigners, dropped 0.7 percent to 51.2 points, its lowest level since May 10.



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The Capital Club has 800

The Capital Club has 800 members, about 30 percent of however, have the market for whom are Chinese. Owned by China International Trust & Investment distance from Tiananmen Corp., or CITIC, the club is square in the heart of Beijing. on the 50th floor of Capital plans an official opening in Mansions, one of Beijing's early 1996 and is charging largest skyscrapers. It offers \$9,000 for corporate mem-Chinese and Western cuisine, bers and \$7,000 for individa bar, a library, meeting ual members. rooms and an athletic club. Even three to four years Chinese-foreign proportion ago, conditions were not ripe and targeting joint ventures and high-profile local comtal's membership director, Lillian Zhao, "We spent a vear of market research beyear of market research be-

fore deciding to set it up." membership to the research found that vitation only. potential members preferred the idea of a club of their own manages. Chang An, also where they could dine and rub plans golf and country clubs shoulders with their peers to going to a public facility such

as a hotel bar or restaurant. The club opened Oct. 14,

Lunch' to Beijing man of the Bank of China, a BELIING — Interested in son-in-law of China's senior meeting the chiefs of China's leader Deng Xiaoping and major banks and trading the mayor of Shanghai.

Ding Yucheng, a Beijing representative for the U.S. securities firm Bear, Steams & Co. joined the club last year because, he said, it offered the best price of any such exclusive venues that have clubs, was close to his office and offered athletic facilities two years. Like its competi- and a good place for business

tors, the Capital presents it-self as the premier private club in China. "Since I joined as a private member, I can transfer my membership, so it was a kind of investment," he said.

But he says he only goes about twice a month because which to meet leading he finds the club's activities movers and shakers - both and seminars geared mainly Chinese and foreign — in a to expatriate members and country where personal con-because it does not encourage tacts often count for more members to bring guests.

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As one Southeast Asian businessman put it: "There are two things to say about China. One is that it is hard to said. "There is a big gap in exclusive clubs all to itself. The Chang An club, a short

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CCA International, which in Shenzhen, Guangzhou and Shanghai and another city

club in Dalian. While the line between of-1994. Its chairman is Wang ficials and business people is increasingly blurred in China's biggest multinational investment firm. He is the son members, especially since a of the late Wang Zhen, a former vice president of China. corruption has made govern-The founding board of ment officials wary of ac-

pushed economic growth for the first nine months of 1995 below companies listed in Hong Kong BELING — Zhu Rongji, China's deputy prime minister and 10 percent for the first time has tumbled 22 percent in the

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Zhu added. His remarks were published

China's anti-inflation campaign, begun in 1993, has been "There has been a soft landing, marked by tight controls on and it's likely there will be some lending and curbs on govern- credit relaxation next year."

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4. To fix the date of the third meeting of shareholders to hear the report of the auditor and to decide the close of the liquidation of the Fund.

Resolution under item I on the agenda of the Extraordinary

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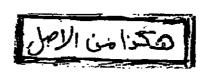
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SPORTS

With the NHL's 2 Top Scorers, Penguins Keep Foes Hopping

The problem with playing the Pittsburgh Penguins is that once you get past the National Hockey League's top scorer, you may have to

deal again with the NHL's top scorer. The Ottawa Senators held Mario Lemieux who started, and finished, the night as the NHL's top scorer — goalless for 56 minutes Wednesday night. While the Senators were doing that, Jaro-

NHL ROUNDUP

mir Jagr, who also plays for the Penguins, took over the scoring lead. Jagr scored two goals, as well as two assists, in a 7-1 Pittsburgh victory. When Lemieux finally scored, his 13th goal

tied him for the lead with Jagr.

"They put their best defensive players on Mario, and that's helping me a lot," Jagr said.

Scoring one goal can be considered an off night for Lemieux, who leads the NHL in total points too, with 32 points in just 10 games.

in a seven-minute span late in the first period. Ron Francis had a goal and three assists for Pittsburgh, which improved its lead in the Northeast Division to 7-2-3.
"They just scored seven on Philadelphia, 10

on Tampa Bay, so we're not the only team they're going to beat 7-1," Ottawa's coach, Rick scored the tying goal with 9:50 to play in regulation, and the Stars rallied from a two-goal one-on-one players in the world, so you can be all over them and they still make plays." Flames 2, Devils 1: At East Rutherford, New

Jersey, Michael Nylander scored an unassisted goal at 12:41 of the third period to lift Calgary

The victory snapped the Flames' three-game winless streak while the defending Stanley Cup corner of the net, his fifth goal of the season.

champions continued to struggle. They have one victory in their last seven games

Sabres 7, Sharks 2: Donald Audette scored three goals and Dominik Hasek had 30 saves as Buffalo defeated visiting San Jose. Audette's second career hat-trick propelled the Sabres to their highest goal total of the year. Buffalo also had goals from Pat LaFontaine, Garry Galley, Randy Burridge and Brent Hughes.

Rangers 5, Lightning 4: In New York, Alexei Kovalev scored the game-winner with seven minutes remaining as the Rangers erased a three-goal deficit to defeat Tampa Bay.

Two nights after scoring his 500th career goal, Mark Messier beat rookie Derek Wilkinson between the pads to tie the game 4-4 with 8:35 left in the third period. Wilkinson was making his NHL

Messier then set up Kovalev for the game-winner with a wraparound pass with 6:48 re-

The Penguins scored four goals on five shots Kariya scored 2:35 into overtime to lift Anaheim to a comeback victory over the Canadiens. A tentative Montreal defense allowed Kariya

to walk in from the blue line and beat Patrick Roy with a wrist shot for his 12th goal of the sea-

deficit to tie Los Angeles. Dimitri Khristich scored consecutive goals in a span of 3:10 of the first period, and Byron Dafoe, the goaltender, stopped 21 of 22 shots during a second-period barrage to put the Kings in position for the victory. But Hatcher capped the comeback with a blast into the upper right



Sabres' Doug Bodger trying the sweep the puck from the Sharks center, Jeff Friesen (39), in a game won by Buffalo.

At Least **NBC Likes** Cleveland

The Associated Press

First, the Raiders go to Oakland, and now the Browns want to go to Baltimore. Pretty soon, the Oilers could be in Nashville, too. If this is a trend, NBC, the American television channel, would like to buck it.

'It would be very troubling if we found ourselves, on a regular basis, leaving top 15 markets to go to top 20 or top 30 markets," said the NBC Sports president, Dick Ebersol, whose network carries American Footbail Conference games.

If the Cleveland-to-Baltimore is completed, NBC will be leaving the nation's 13th largest TV market to go to the 23rd largest. And a possible Houston transfer to Nashville would mean going

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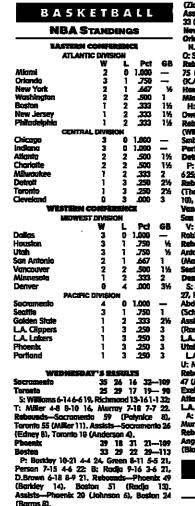
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"They have good music in Nashville, but I don't think Loretta Lynn will be returning kickoffs," Ebersol said.

After the first nine weeks of the season, NBC's football ratings in Cleveland have averaged 22.2, far above the national average of 10.2.

'Cleveland has been, year in and year out, the No. 1 or No. 2 market for us," in terms of fan support, Ebersol said.

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N.Y. is Cool To Fighting **Bare-Fisted**

NEW YORK - New York State is moving to ban bareknuckle boxing matches that are frequently criticized for their brutality.

According to its promoters, the first such exhibition to be held in New York will be on Nov. 18 at the Brooklyn Armory, billed as "the most brutal fighting event in the history of television." The exhibition will be carried in the United States by two pay-per-view services.

The so-called "ultimate fights" are held in an enclosed

circular ring. They feature bare-knuckle fighters, usually experienced only one is standing. There are no rounds or time-outs.

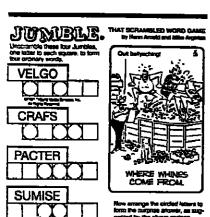
A referee monitors the fight but has just two rules to enforce: no eye-gouging and no biting.

According to Chris Chich-ester, a spokesman for Governor George Pataki, the governor is drafting legislation to prohibit the no-holds-barred sport. State Senator Roy Goodman will introduce separate legislation intended to curb such competition, which he described as "animalistic and hazardous to the contestants."

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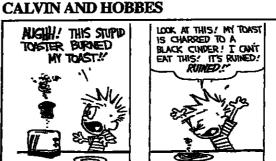
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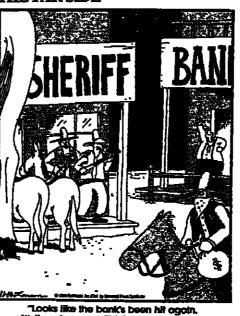








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SPORTS



Donizetti prepares to shoot the game-winning goal for Brazil.

Brazil Beats Old Rival

soccer The World Cup champion, Brazil, led by midfielders Juninho and Amaral, beat Argentina, 1-0, in an exhibition game Wednesday night in which there were 62 fouls and two red cards. In a game played in the packed River Plate Stadium, Donizete, who was making his debut, scored in the 21st minute. Arilson of Brazil and Cristian González of Argentina, both substitutes, were sent off.

PARIS — French coach Aimé Jacquet did not pick either of his two English-based stars, Eric Cantona and David Ginola, for next week's European championship qualifier against Israel. Jacquet said of Cantona: "The team must be spared from surprises just now. This is a match we have to win."

Super Bowl Prices Up

FOOTBALL The top ticket price for the Super Bowl, to be played in Tempe. Arizona, on Jan. 28, has been raised \$50 to \$350. The increase will apply to 23,000 of the more than 70,000 seats at Sun Devil Stadium. Another 10,700 seats will cost \$250 each. The remaining 37,500 will be \$200. For the last two Super Bowls, there have been two prices, \$300 and \$200. (AP)

Bruno Must Fight Tyson

BOXING The World Boxing Council, meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand, ruled on Thursday that the heavyweight champion Frank Bruno should make his first title defense against Mike Tyson.

Cordova Wins Award

BASEBALL Marty Cordova, the Minnesota Twins outfielder who had 24 homers and 84 RBIs, was voted American League Rookie of the Year, edging California's Garret Anderson in the closest race in 16 years. Cordova and Anderson each received 13 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers Association of America. Cordova had 13 second-place votes and Anderson 10.

Pakistan Drops Chances

CRICKET Pakistan made a frustrating start to the first Test against Australia in Brisbane. The tourists dropped five catches as Australia reached 262 runs for four wickets. Salim Malik, whom the Australians did not want on the tour because they said he tried to bribe some of their players, split the webbing at the base of his left thumb catching a hard-hit shot from the Australian captain, Mark Taylor, and had to leave the field. (Reuters)

WORLD ROUNDUP Lomu the Young Colossus Strikes Fear Into French

France plays the touring New Zealanders in Toulouse on Saturday in the first of two tests to determine the state of the world rugby hierarchy after the last World Cup

matches in South Africa. New Zealand finished second and France third in the tournament last June after both being narrowly beaten by the home team and, outside of South Africa, were regarded by many as the best two teams on view. South Africa, meanwhile, plays Italy in Rome on Sunday and England at Twickenham, West London, on

The All Blacks, anxious to prove that despite their 15-12 overtime loss to the Springboks in the World Cup final, remain rugby's best, also have a score to settle with

The French team surprised themselves by going to New Zealand last year and winning both tests.

New Zealand has conserved the nucleus of its World Cup team. But two of the three young stars for the All Blacks who emerged in South Africa, the flyhalf Andrew Mehrtens and flank forward Josh Kronfeld, are missing because of injury. Meanwhile, the French are rebuilding un-

der a new coach, Jean-Claude Skrela. The third, and most imposing, of the new

All Blacks stars is the wing Jonah Lomu, the colossus. He was the sensation of the World Cup, and he is the player the French fear, with his strength and speed giving him the ability to power down the left flank regardless of how many tacklers try to stop

Lomu has not been outstanding so far on tour, but he may be biding his time for the big occasions that present themselves in Toulouse and next week in Paris at the Parc

If the French are wary of Lomu, the All Blacks have their eyes on the right wing Emile Ntamack, a speed ace who has a habit of scoring tries for his country.

The New Zealand fullback Jeff Wilson said: "They're an impressive team. For me the key man is Ntamack. He can suddenly appear anywhere at any time. He's completely unpredictable.' France has made a few changes. Their

new men include the centers Richard Dourthe and Thomas Castaignede, the scrumhalf Philippe Carbonneau and the lock Fabien Pelous. Skrela's team looked impressive in win-

ning the Latin Cup in Argentina last month, scoring 18 tries in their three matches against the hosts, Romania and Italy.



Jonah Lomu, the New Zealand winger, prepares for Saturday's test against France at a training session in Blagnac.

Ice Hockey Is On a Roll — Across the World's Pavements

Roller Skates Are Carrying the Imperialist Hopes of the World's Fastest Team Sport

By Ian Thomsen
International Herald Tribune

the ice. Ice hockey has always been the world's fastest team game — no problems there — but how could the sport grow where the ponds don't freeze?

They used to figure that somebody, someday, would invent an artificial rink, a plastic kind of ice. They never seemed to think about reinventing the skates. "The new artificial surface is blacktop," Steve

Solomon, senior vice president and CEO of the National Hockey League, said from New York. "It's tar. Pavement. The game used to be limited tocold-weather climates, but, with the growth of in-line skating, we're seeing people at the grass roots with the opportunity to play the game on sidewalks or pavement. We think it's going to catapult the sport in popularity."

Ever since it hired Gary Bettman as commissioner

in January 1993 from the National Basketball Association, where he learned about American sporting imperialism under David Stern, the NHL has been willing to try anything to make ice hockey a larger,

than 20 percent of its players, come from Europe.

Next summer it will hold its first World Cup, an invitational tournament of six or eight national teams. In early 1998, the NHL will pause to allow its stars

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hockey could never skate with soccer or basketball, that it could never become a global sport. The problem was Olympic hockey tournament should create a better sense for the unique speed of that game. It should also be much more competitive than was the basketball in Barcelona. The Russians, with 46 current NHL players, the Swedes (27), the Czechs (23) and the Finns, with 12, will join Canada (372) and the U.S. (107) as

contenders for a medal. None of this will hold the public's interest in between Olympics unless more children everywhere learn to play the game. The basketball people have prospered by hosting three-on-three "street" tournaments around the world. The hockey people are thinking about inflatable rinks.

"I think it's a growth business for us," Solomon said. "It's a business we will be trying to get into. It's roughly three-quarters the size of a ice hockey rink. The sides are very strong, and they can take a lot of banging-into. You get the real feeling that you're stepping into a rink."

The NHL's interest in street hockey is new. Its

LONDON — The old-timers who grew up with to compete in the Winter Olympics at Nagano, Japan. roller hockey throughout the U.S., "Solomon said. "I Gordie Howe and Bobby Orr used to admit that ice If the 1992 Olympics affirmed the global celebrity of expect to see more and more professional leagues expect to see more and more professional leagues established, and someday you might see it as an Olympic sport. I don't think the sport will replace the game on the ice, but it's a great recreational substitute and a good game to watch.

Those involved in the European equivalent will no doubt be thinking, "typical Americans." Their International Skater Hockey Federation, based in England, predates the newfound interest in "in-line skating" or "rollerblading." The more sophisticated Europeans tend to play on the old-fashioned, fourwheeled roller skates — "quads," as they're known.

"The influence in America seems to be that everybody should be skating 'in-line', 's said Stella Van der Geyten, the federation president. 'But the European attitude is that nobody will be ever dictate to us what we put on our feet." Another controversy comes from the American pref-

erence for the puck. Europeans find that a hard ball with minimal bounce is safer. But such are the adult arguments. The teenagers in their leg and elbow pads, their sticks, helmets and wheeled feet — look like combatants

stop-start, stop-start, you're better off on the quads.

Edutie was 16 when he and a few school triends crushed a soda can down as flat as a puck and began hitting it around with hockey sticks on the pavement at South Bank in London. They formed the London Street Warriors, a new-age heir to the Montreal Canadiens in their dominance of original British street hockey.

The European game recently changed its name to 'skater hockey.'' The idea of street hockey was scaring potential sponsors. Up to 12,000 players are registered with federations in Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Britain and Barbados, but Van der Geyten believes 10 times as many kids are playing.

"It tends to spring up on street corners or vacant lots," she said; the way stickball used to in America.

"People from Europe on holidays would see us playing and they'd say, 'We do something like this in our country'," Edutie said. "I'm a black guy myself, and I found that ice hockey was always a closed door as far as black kids were concerned. When we first started the club in 1982, it was mostly black guys playing.

But now the shift has actually gone towards white guys. The majority of the kids playing on the 15 teams unofficial world partner, the International Ice Hockey in a video game, or a meek Mad Max movie.

The NHL has become an international league, more Federation, is seeking to become the sanctioning body "You hear from people on both sides," said Prosper boundaries. I think the reason it's so open now is upposed to be because it was started by the blacks."

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Heat Victory Over Rockets Warms Riley's Heart

Pat Riley has the Miami Heat playing his dating back to November 1989. way, and it looks like the right way. With an 89-82 victory over the two-time NBA champion Houston Rockets, Miami

has won its first two games, its best start in the franchise's eight-year history.

"Hey, 2-0," Riley said Wednesday night. "Let's quit right now and go straight

to the playoffs." The Sacramento Kings would vote for that, too. The team that has missed the playoffs for nine straight seasons is 4-0 for the first time in 35 years after a 109-90 victory over Toronto.

With its victory, the Heat broke an 11-

game losing streak against the Rockets

past," said Keith Askins, who has been with the Heat since 1990. "We have great weather down here, but it's not going to be a vacation for teams when they come down

The Rockets, who lost for the first time, scored six consecutive points to tie the game at 82, but failed to score in the final

two minutes. Hakeem Olajuwon scored 22 points for Houston, outplaying the Heat's center,

Alonzo Mourning, who missed 10 of 13 shots and scored 13 points.

Kings 109, Raptors 90: Mitch Richmond scored 32 points to help get Sacramento off What happened in the past is in the to its best start since 1960, when the club was called the Cincinnati Royals and Oscar Robertson was just a rookie.

Richmond hit eight of nine shots in the first half and cooled only slightly in the second half. Bullets 110, Hornets 96: Gheorghe

Muresan scored 13 of his career-high 31 points in the fourth quarter, and Washington overcame 38 points by Glen Rice. Celtics 113, Suns 109: Dino Radja and Dee Brown scored 21 points each as Boston got its first victory of the season by outrunning the visiting Phoenix Suns.

The Celtics outscored Phoenix 20-2 on fast breaks. Their last one, started by Rick Fox's rebound and long pass and capped by Radja's dunk with 1:08 left, gave them a

109-103 lead. Pistons 107, Trail Blazers 100: Joe Dumars, playing on a bad hamstring, scored 41 points in 42 minutes to lead Detroit to an overtime victory over visiting Portland. Grant Hill added 19 points for Detroit, which won its first game under its new coach, Doug Collins. Robinson had 30 and

Rod Strickland 25 for Portland. Spurs 111, Grizzlies 62 David Robinson put the game away for the host Spurs by scoring 20 points in the

third quarter.



Wile Blake, Rep Ed Pinckney of the Raptors battling to get off a shot against Sacramento.

Magic 130, Nots 122: Anfernee Hardaway scored a career-high 42 points and Nick Anderson atoned for a poor shooting night with a pair of clutch three-pointers in the third overtime as Orlando beat visiting New Jersey.

Jazz 108, Lakers 98: Utah held visiting Los Angeles without a field goal in the final 4:47, and Karl Malone had 33 points and 12

Schrempf scored 35 points as visiting Seattle beat Denver. Denver, off to its worst start since 1990-91, lost for the fourth time this year despite 28 points from Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf.

Hawks 100, Clippers 92: Steve Smith paced Atlanta's scoring attack with 18; points, and the Hawks sank 16 of 19 free throws in the fourth quarter for the victory.

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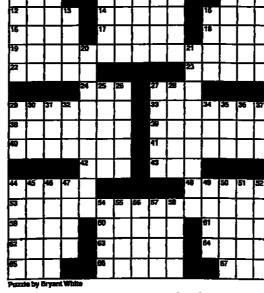
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Cruel Judgments

By Russell Baker

its wobbly tracks when confront- to. ed by the statement that "Daniel Barenboim does not suffer fools world would be without fools.

over cruel judgments such as this everybody appreciating what dewithout bothering to think how serves to be appreciated and decruel they are, but the drugs were ploring what deserves to be deturning me into a new person. I had become intensely aware of matters that had never before riousness. seemed worth being aware of.
The assertion about Baren-

boim's haughty attitude toward fools was extremely irritating, since for one thing Barenboim is one of my favorite pianists. I play his recordings often and have even now and then asked other persons present to shut up about football and admire his tering, the way words like skill at handling a tricky allegro "hard-nosed" and "tough-

sic and (2) having only one ear fit for listening with, I have been foolish to fancy myself capable of enjoying Barenboim's work and doubly foolish for imposing my tin-eared judgment on

very fools Barenboim did not that, instead of proceeding because of the rich variety of straight to The Washington Post and Dooneshure. Post and Doonesbury, I stared congressional Republicans conout the window watching the last leaves fall for several hours until it was time to take some

body's essential juices and sank chemical tentacles into the folds of the brain. I saw it was entirely

thoughtlessly but cruelly misrepresented Barenboim. The NEW YORK — Reading truth might be that Barenboum not only suffered fools gladly, Sunday under the influence of but positively adored fools, as drugs, my mind stopped still in every great man surely ought

What a depressing place the gladly." Everything working precisely on Normally the mind glides time, everyone obeying orders, Everything working precisely on plored, everybody saluting and wading around hip-deep in se-

Quite possibly the reporter tossed off his judgment without even consulting Barenboim. As a newsperson once myself, I know how tempting it is to pass judgments on famous people. At first thought it seems flat-

ma non troppo.

Now in my chemically renovated persona, I realized that (1) being utterly illiterate in mu-"bloodthirsty" but for the reporter's need to have them return his phone calls.

I once myself wrote the same judgment — "does not suffer foois gladly" — about Dean Acheson, a famous American statesman of the mid-20th century. It seemed a flattering thing I was, in short, one of those to say. It is hard to say why. Later I thought Acheson, a man of stantly denounced him as a parlor-pinko softie at the same time he was erecting the framework for the 50-year Cold War that As these spread through the was to put Karl Marx out of business in Russia.

It was time for more pills. New York Times Service

Steve Coleman: Giving 'Fusion' a New Meaning

By Mike Zwerin International Herald Tribune

DARIS — Steve Coleman has been studying astronomy, philosophy and anthropology as they relate to the music of ancient Dravidian, Samarian, and Egyptian cultures. Researchers have put pieces together and taken leaps of faith but nobody really knows exactly what sounds those people made. One way or another, however, he says, they have been "creeping into my music.

Coleman is not prepared to take the same leap of faith when it comes to organized religion.

"The word 'spiritual' became a cliché in the 60s. I tend to intuit a lot of metaphysical information into my everyday life, but I can't say I've been handed down the word of God."

The vocabulary he uses, however, implies preoccupation with an inner sanctum of some sort. "Curves of Life," "The Way of the Cipher" and "Myths Modes and Means" are the names of his three CDs being released this week by BMG. And one of his bands is named the Mystic Rhythm

Society.
Although his music is marketed as jazz, this seems to be by default. He calls it M-Base and it is "not a style like bebop, fusion or New Orleans. It's not the music itself. It's a way of thinking about music."

The three CDs are collected into a box. Three-CD boxes are generally tributes to departed universally sung heroes rather than controversial living improvisers. Called "Live at the Hot Brass," this one was recorded in the Parisian club of that name last March. It presents a diverse palette representing rhythm and blues, Charlie Parker, Ornette Coleman (no relation), hip hop, India and Africa.

"This music is composed of all the influenced by that sound and I am that sound. The goal is to project a message Other than rehearsing in a friendly sound. The goal is to project a message about the people of the African di-

listen." The release is an important event in his career, which has recently been in full bloom. He is now being taken as a leader and thinker as well as

a saxophone player. Infectious smiles, almost like a therapeutic tick, are frequent as he consciously maintains his cool in search of the words least likely to be

"Music is a language capable of expressing feelings beyond words," he says. "It should reflect the human soul and its relationship to the uni-

M-Base stands for "Macro-Basic Array of Structured Extemporizations" and is "a new version of an old idea. To express today how we feel about today's experiences. A musician's music should change as his life and the world around him change. As I've grown older [he's 39], I hope I've

been learning something."

He's learned that critics often take short cuts by forming their opinions from reading each other rather than listening to the music. After one wrote that John Coltrane played "sheets of sound." for example, it was generally assumed that sheets of sound were on Coltrane's mind. "Music," Coleman says, "doesn't work like that."
The term "M-Base" has been so

overused and misused that he has trouble with the name himself. He pronounces it with a certain fatigue. After it was formed in 1981, it was called a "movement from Brooklyn." Coleman calls it a "very loose collective."

Over the years, free spirits like Cassandra Wilson, Greg Osby, Graham Haynes, Geri Allen and Marvin (Smitty) Smith passed through and

"It's not at all like a club," says Coleman. "We don't have a head-quarters and there are no membership things I know, that I've heard, that I've cards or T-shirts. There have been seen and that I feel," he says. "It maybe 50 of us since the beginning represents the sound of my people. I'm and I think there are like 12 right now.

basement and a couple of laid-back aspora to the brothers and sisters in the studios and hangouts, it's not true street, and to anyone else who might about Brooklyn either. He's from



"Music should reflect the soul and its relationship to the universe."

Chicago, the others are from places like St. Louis and Detroit.

"People need to pin things down and define them. The press needs hooks and leaders. I keep telling them I'm not the leader ... nonono ... and they still write that I am."

He stretches out his arms and raises them. "Maybe I'm just the most vis-

veered from his vision for 15 years even though it placed him outside the mainstream. Ornette Coleman and Thelonious Monk did the same thing. Miles Davis, on the other hand, was accused of selling out his vision by exchange."

playing rock.

Asked about it, Coleman replies: 'Only Miles knew his own vision . But Or the most lucid. Perhaps the most always introduces a nonmusical el-

who are not interested in your vision. They are interested in money and power. You lose contact with the things that made you popular in the first place. You lose your sense of adventure. Miles's music turned in on itself."

"You're getting popular now. How do you relate to that?"

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"If there's a long line waiting someplace, I'll automatically wait someplace else. If I went with the crowd I'd be a pop musician. Pop musicians need crowds. Michael Jackson said he wanted everybody in the world to like his music. I know who I am. My music is not for everybody. 1 would like it to be palatable, I don't want to dump on people, but pop musicians look for commerciality beforehand and I make the music I want to make and then I try to figure out a

way to get people to hear it."

He had an inside look at the pop world while subbing for Branford Marsalis with Sting:

"It was not a good time for me. I saw a lot of things I didn't like. People climbing all over each other to get

Close to the star.'

Rhythmically, Coleman's music is based on a large variety of Eastern and African odd time signatures. Not aware of this, the public misses the point and dances to it anyway. Musicians, on the other hand, are forever trying to figure out the count. Apparently they miss the point too. In fact it has nothing to do with num-

'We don't count. Once we learn the piece, we forget the time sig-natures. We just think about how phrases relate to each other. We think of time as real time. Like I'm not dividing up the time when I talk to you. I'm not cutting up our phrases. But there is a rhythm to what we're saying. We may overlap here and there but basically we don't talk at the same time. We exchange. Music is an

Steve Coleman, Nov. 11, Zurich; Nov. 13, Dortmund; Nov. 14, 15, 16. Paris (Hot Brass); Nov. 18, Angers. he became very popular and popularity France; Nov. 20, Seville, Spain: Nov. 21, Madrid: Nov. 23, Hamburg: Nov. stubborn. He's stayed his course, never ement. You get people around you 25, Evreux, France.

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In New York, the War of the Restaurant Guides

By Florence Fabricant New York Times Service

YEW YORK — Tim Zagat is not an easy man to challenge. The publisher format. They copied our typos. They even of the Zagat Survey has an imposing tell people who fill out the forms to be physique, and his guide to New York City restaurants dominates the field with sales of almost a half million copies a year.

Marcellus Hudalla, a German who has questionnaires completed by restaurant year. been publishing Marcellino's Restaurant customers, just as Zagat's are, instead of Report in Germany since 1988, has in- evaluations by professionals. troduced Marcellino's Restaurant Report went on sale this week for \$9.95.

Zagat is not pleased. He had been feeling upbeat because his 1996 guide, now available for \$11.95, shows that for the first time since 1987, New Yorkers are dining out more and spending more. Then along comes this interloper. "There are plenty of

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other guides, and that's fine, but these people have come in and are getting a lot of Zagat was not interested. publicity by saying they are challenging us." Zagat said. "They've ripped off our

witty, a word we use."

But Marcellino's Restaurant Report cannot be ignored. It is the first competitor But now there is a new guide in town. whose ratings are based on hundreds of lanta, Chicago and San Francisco next

> Like Zagat, Hudalla, a former printer friends, who added their own critical comments. That was in 1986.

Two years ago Hudalla approached Zagat about working together in the United States, where Zagat and his wife, Nina, publish more than 30 guides, and in Eu-

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and municationing will move through Italy to Greece. Spain and Portugal will have showers, than dry weather Monday. Cold air will push through eastern Russia.

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rope, where Hudalla now has 25 guides.

I thought there was an opportunity for me to do my guides here," Hudalla said.
"We sell 285,000 guides in all of Germany, which is a joke in comparison with Zagat.

But there is a very big market here."
He has printed 50,000 copies of the New York guide and plans to add guides to At-

Hudalla said his guide has features that Zagat lacks. "Our guide is organized primarily by neighborhoods, not just alphafor New York City. The pocket-size guide and magazine writer, started out by prepar- betically," he said. "That is how we think ing an informal list of restaurants for people choose a restaurant in New York. "We also list the top 10 restaurants in

four price categories because not everyone's pocket is filled with the same money. And we have included maps and pictures. We did not think it was necessary for a restaurant guide to be ugly.

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SHE was adored by Danes the moment she arrived. Now Alexandra Manley is one of them. Parliament has granted Danish citizenship to the Hong Kong-born fiancée of Prince Joachim. Manley and her fiancé, second in line to the Danish throne, will exchange vows Nov. 18 in Denmark's first royal wedding in nearly three decades. Manley has renounced her British citizenship. In addition to her native English, she speaks three other languages. including Cantonese. She is learning Dan-ish. Manley, an elegant dresser, already is being compared to other royalty. The Danish media are fawning over her and have quoted Liz Tilberis, the editor of the American fashion magazine Bazaar, as likening her to Britain's Princess Diana. Tilberis added, "Her smile can melt snow."... Speaking of Diana, the princess wants no more scandals and has therefore decided to lead a celibate life, according to a confidante quoted in the Daily Mirror. 'The princess does not have a lover, and, more to the point, she doesn't need one. She says she can survive very nicely on her The confidante continued that each time Diana strikes up a relationship with a member of the opposite sex, "it ends up in sin, tears and innuendo."

A Paris court has ordered the French Deneuve for claiming that she hated four prominent fellow stars. In a Jan. 23 article, the magazine said Deneuve detested Brigitte Bardot, Elizabeth Taylor, Isabelle Adjani and the singer Françoise Hardy. The court ruled that the comments were defamatory and ordered the magazine and its director, Axel Ganz, to pay damages and interest to Deneuve.

The American director Elia Kazan, 86, famous for films like "A Streetcar named Desire," will receive a Golden Bear, the top prize of the Berlin Film Festival, in

February, festival organizers said.

Julia Child, who popularized French cooking in the United States, and more than 150 other cooking experts are in Paris for a week of eating, drinking and talking about it. Apart from being a pig-out for writers, restaurateurs and teachers, this is the first



cossip magazine Voici to pay 50,000 The veteran Italian actor Marcello Mastroianni taking a stroll in Venice rancs (\$10,000) to the actress Catherine prior to his return to the stage in the comedy "Le ultime lune."

gastronomy. "This is our great foodie bash of the year," said Ethel Hofman of Merion Station, Pennsylvania, the association's

The Italian actor Marcello Mastroianni is to return to the stage on Friday, in the role of a professor contemplating retirement in an old people's home, after an eight-year absence from the theater. Mastroianni, 70, is to star in "Le ultime lune" ("The Last Moons") by Furio Bordon, directed by Giulio Bosetti.

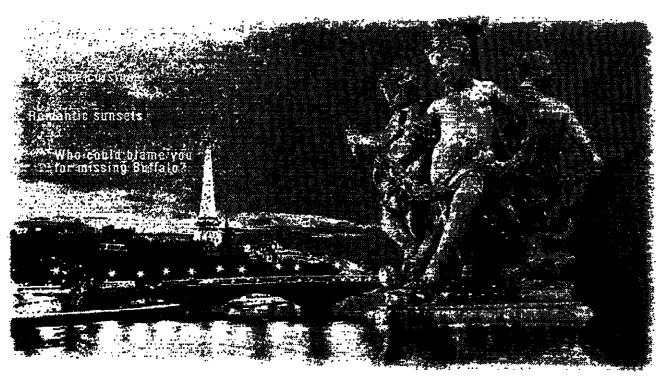
Sylvester Stallone has followed Kevin Costner and Alec Baldwin out the door at then searched him and found an automatic Creative Artists Agency. Stallone becomes the latest star to jump ship since the departures of CAA talent executives rapper, a longtime member of the group time the 2,500-member International AsMichael Ovitz and Ron Meyer. Stallone
Public Enemy, has a history of arrests sociation of Culinary Professionals has has signed with International Creative dating from 1991.

held its annual meeting in the capital of Management, like Melanie Griffith and Anthony Hopkins.

> Where does Mick Jagger vacation? In-donesia, that's where. Jagger reportedly is spending two quiet days with his wife, Jerry Hall, on Banda Island

Back in the clink again: Two months after his release from jail for weapons possession, the rap performer Flavor Flav was behind bars on gun and crack charges. The rapper — real name William Drayton — was arrested by police randomly stop-ping livery cabs. When the officers asked Flav to get out of a cab, he allegedly reached toward his waistband. Officers weapon in his belt and three vials of crack

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